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Another State Hands Bush a Big Setback Even Unopposed in South Dakota, He Loses a Third of Voters

SIOUX FALLS, South Dakota - President George Bush, for the second week in a row, has been buffered by the electorate's strong feelings of dissatisfaction.

Running unopposed on the Republican bal-lot in the South Dakota primary, Mr. Bush was abandoned by nearly one-third of his party's voters. He won 69 percent of the vote, with the remaining 31 percent going to an uncommitted slate that gave Republican voters a chance to

register their disapproval.

Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, meanwhile, kept his presidential campaign alive with a substantial victory in the Democratic primary. The outcome dealt a severe setback to the prospects of the second-place finisher. Senator Tom Harkin of lowa.

Nobody expects Mr. Bush to be denied the

Republican nomination. But analysts said the South Dakota outcome gave another indication of his potential weakness in the general elec-

Mr. Bush's Republican challenger on the right, Patrick J. Buchanan, won 37 percent in the New Hampshire primary on Feb. 18, while the president got 53 percent. Mr. Buchanan was anable to get his name on the South Dakota

"In this case, the uncommitted slate repre-sents an anybody-but-Bush ticket," said Stuart Rothenberg, a political analyst. "Pat Buchanan

campaigned day and night in New Hampshire and drew 37 percent. And here, a nonexistent candidate who didn't campaign drew nearly as much of the vote."

Mr. Buchanan, campaigning in New Orleans on Wednesday, said the strong protest vote against Mr. Bush showed that be was "weak as

"I think the message out of South Dakota is

the Republican Party better find new leader-ship by August or the country is going to be Bush and Buchanan are no longer pulling their

punches as they seek Georgia votes. Page 3. finding new leadership by January," he said.

The Bush campaign had a different interpretation. A senior Bush campaign adviser,

was still restlessness and an anti-incumbent fever out there." Mr. Bush, arriving in Texas for an interna-tional drug summit meeting, was asked if be was disappointed with the South Dakota results

Charles Black, said, "I think it just means there

and said. "No. good victory." Mr. Kerrey said his victory over Mr. Harkin and the rest of the Democratic pack would ignite his campaign. In what was widely regarded as a make-or-break showdown between Mr.

Kerrey and Mr. Harkin, the former won, 40 percent to 25 percent. Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, who had

hoped for a stronger finish, was third, with 19 percent, far behind Mr. Kerrey but well ahead of Paul E. Tsongas, the former Massachusetts senator, who had 10 percent, and the former California governor, Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr., who had 4 percent.

Most important for Mr. Kerrey, the South Dakota voting gave him the first opportunity to declare himself a winner.

With the campaign now set to fan out into multistate contests, the Democrats were looking to the South and the West, a frenctic stretch that will alter the campaign's style and force contenders to rely mostly on cash for television advertisements, abandoning the meet-andgreet campaign style they have used in the lessopulated states.

On Wednesday, Mr. Kerrey swept into Georgia, whose primary is Tuesday, and declared, "I inswered the call in Vietnam."

Mr. Kerrey, who lost part of a leg in Vietnam and won the Medal of Honor, made it clear that be meant to use his war record to challenge Mr. Clinton in the South. Mr. Clinton has been fending off allegations that he avoided the Vietnam draft by obtaining a student defer-ment, which he later gave up.

Portraying Mr. Clinton as unelectable, Mr. Kerrey told a Spelman College audience in

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Troubled GM Looks to European Model

By Frank Swoboda and Warren Brown

WASHINGTON - In the North American auto market last year, General Motors Corp. lost \$1 million an hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week for 52 weeks.

Put another way, the world's big-gest automaker lost \$1,800 on every one of the millions of cars and trucks it sold in the United States and Canada last year.

Those numbers suggest the chal-lenge facing GM, which had a loss of \$8.7 billion selling vehicles in North America last year, and they help explain why GM is closing plants, dismissing workers and scramhling to change a corporate management structure and bureaucracy that had become the industrial equivalent of the Pentagon.

If the GM chairman, Robert C. Stempel, has his way, he will reSoft Sales, Mounting Losses for GM Net profits and losses,

in \$ billions. The company lost \$4.45 billion last year.

shape the company's North American operations in the image of the United Auto Workers in the United company's European subsidiary,

which earned \$2.1 billion last year. three work shifts to keep factories One GM official pointed to the open around the clock.

innovative labor practices Mr. Although GM's overall loss was "innovative labor practices" Mr. Stempel was able to achieve in Europe as a road map to the types of a U.S. corporation - profits from

other GM operations at home and abroad masked the staggering losses from the company's car and truck operations in North America. Mr. Stempel announced Mon-

day the closing of 12 factories and the elimination of 16,000 jobs as the first step of a restructuring plan that calls for the eventual closing of 21 plants and the elimination of

He also appeared to signal the dismantling of the corporate manthe former chairman. Roger Smith, in the early 1980s in an effort to overcome the inertia of a bloated тападетепт.

GM's European subsidiary is an organizational structure set up by Mr. Stempel when he was in Europe in the 1980s, before be became

"When Bob was over there they See GM, Page 4



WAR AND REMEMBRANCE — Women in Kuwait waving flags as U.S. Air Force planes marked the first anniversary of the country's liberation from Iraqi occupation.

agement structure put in place by

ed States, particularly the use of

\$4.5 billion for 1991 - a record for

A Congress Plan to Avoid a Final U.S.-Israeli Showdown on Loans

By John M. Goshko

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — In an attempt to keep alive the possibility of U.S. loan guarantees for Israel, Socretary of State James A. Baker 3d and congressional leaders are considering a plan that would let Mr. Baker decide whether Israel's future settlements accivity entitles it to the U.S. aid, according to sources familiar with the

discussions. The plan would not prevent the administration from continuing to exert pressure on Israel to stop building settlements, according to the sources. Instead, they said, it would give Mr. Baker flexibility to keep negotiations going in

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Albanians Storm

Food Warehouses

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — Thousands of young people stormed food warebouses and

battled the police in two towns, leaving at least three dead, Radio

Tirana and government officials

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the hope that the dispute can be resolved and the guarantees extended to Israel several weeks or months down the line.

The complex legislative maneuver that would be involved would have the virtue of averting an all-or-nothing confrontation with Israel, the sources said Tuesday.

Mr. Baker announced Monday that the administration would back \$10 billion in loan guarantees to help absorb immigrants from the former Soviet Union only if Israel agreed to halt construction of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir bas said that it would reject those terms.

If that happens, Congress may not be able for a year or more to act on the loan guarantees as part of the normal foreign aid authorization

To avoid that, the sources said, Senator Patrick J. Leahy, Democrat of Vermont, chairman of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations, has offered to seek passage of a foreign aid appropriations hill that would approve the loan guarantees if Israel meets specific conditions.

Under the Leahy plan. Israel would be allowed to complete any bousing that was under construction in the territories on Jan. 1, 1992. but the dollar-for-dollar costs would be deduct-

ed from the loan guarantees. Instead of explicitly barring future construction, the proposed legislation would give President George Bush or Mr. Baker acting as his agent - discretionary authority to extend the guarantees or withhold them, depending on the kind of agreement U.S. officials are able to reach with Israel

"The impasse between Baker and Shamir still will be there, but if the legislation is on the books, it will allow negotiations to continue during and after the Israeli election campaign," one source said.

about future settlements.

Reuters reported from Jerusalem: The Israeli justice minister, Dan Meridor, return for loan guarantees was racist. Mr. Meridor, who is close to Mr. Shamir, said

said Wednesday that the U.S. demand that

Israel halt scittement of occupied Arab lands in

Washington was trying to force Israel to return to its pre-1967 Middle East war borders. If gave in to the U.S. demand, he said, Arab-Israeli peace talks, now in their fourth round, would be superfluous.

"The issue is not settlements, the issue is the future of Judea, Samaria and Gaza," Mr. Meridor said in a speech to American Jewish leaders. Israel refers to the West Bank as Judea and

Panel Finds Progress by Unesco But Warns Against Backslide

By Barry James

PARIS — The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has made extensive progress in reforming its administration and management, according to a report made public Wednesday.

The Unesco director-general, Federico Mayor Zaragoza, said he hoped that the United States. Britain and Singapore, which pulled out of the organization in 1985 to protest its management and its anti-Western political stance, would now review their position. Those three nations had provided 30 percent of the hudget.

Mr. Mayor acknowledged that the organiza-tion, with a 1992-93 budget of \$671.6 million, was going through a severe cash crunch. Having adapted to the loss of two of its most important contributors, Washington and London, Unesco bas also been hit by developments in the former Soviet Union. The inheritors of that empire. while saying they want to remain members of Unesco, are deep in arrears.

The report, prepared by an independent pan-el, said that while "extensive progress" had

been made, the situation "could easily regress." This is not surprising as reform of this scope requires cultural change within the organiza-

tion, which will take time to occur," it said. Western diplomats said the U.S. and British povernments would wait to see bow deep-rooted the reforms have become before committing themselves to rejoining.

In Washington, a State Department official said any review of the U.S. position would not take place before the completion of two reports to Congress, one by the auditing arm of Congress and the other by the Bureau of International Organization Affairs of the State Depart-

The State Department bureau's report is ex-pected to be finished in July, and "any decision will not be forthcoming at least until then," the

In Britain, the decision could depend on who wins the next election. A Labor government is more likely to rejoin Unesco than the governing Conservatives are, diptomats said.

The diplomats said that anti-Western and See UNESCO, Page 4

Sides With 14-Year-Old On Abortion Girl Alleging Rape Can End Pregnancy, Denial Had Set Off an Uproar

By James F. Clarity

DUBLIN - Overrurning the controversial decision of a lower court, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that it was legal for a 14-yearold girl to travel to Britain for an abortion she says she needs because she was raped in December by the father of one of her friends.

The five-member court did not disclose the legal basis for its ruling, which canceled the High Court's decision last week forbidding the girl to terminate the pregnancy abroad because abortion was not allowed under the Irisb Con-

At the time the ban was instituted, the girl, whose identity remained veiled, was already in London preparing for the abortion.

Her family had earlier notified the Irish po-lice, asking them if they wanted forensic evidence from the operation to use against the man accused of the rape. The attorney general then intervened, telling the family they would break lrisb law if the abortion was performed. The family returned to Ireland, and an up-

roar ensued about the law and the rights of the girl and those of the fetus. Critics called the law and the order not to have the abortion barbaric. Anti-abortion pro-

ponents insisted that Article 8 of the constitution, approved by 69 percent of the voters in a 1983 referendum, was morally correct. The decision Wednesday freed the girl to

bave the abortion. There was no immediate comment from her family, but a number of questions on the issue remained unanswered. and after the court announces the basis for its decision the government may have to decide

whether to revise the constitution. "I am delighted," said Prime Minister Albert Reynolds, in London. "The family is now free," be said, but he declined to speculate on what action the government might still have to take.

Just after the decision, anti-abortion members of Parliament were relatively silent. One said that the purpose of the 1983 referendum had never been to prevent travel, but only to prevent abortion in Ireland, which is 95 percent Roman Catholic and also forbids divorce and strictly limits the distribution of condoms.

Although the family's identity has not been made public, details of what happened bave surfaced through friends, and news reports provide an outline of events. The rape is reported to have taken place in

December in a middle-class suburb of Dublin possibly Rathfarnham. The man accused of the rape was the father of a friend of the girl. She told her parents on Jan. 27, and the pregnancy was confirmed three days later.

On Feb. 5 they informed the police and asked if any medical evidence was needed from London, where they traveled the next day. The attorney general, Harold Whelehan, known for his anti-abortion views, intervened. As soon as family members were informed that they were violating Irish law, they returned to treland. where an order forbidding the girl to leave the

country for nine months was issued on Feb. 7. The High Court upbeld the order on Feb. 17. The police say they questioned the suspect, who denied the girl's story.

There has been no indication of bow the

police might pursue the criminal side of the The government is said to be worried that it

might have to call for another divisive national referendum on abortion. That is because in the Maastricht Treaty establishing a reordered Europe, there is a protocol that appears to permit Ireland to continue to prevent women from

traveling abroad for abortions. The treaty is to be voted on this year in Ireland, which receives substantial annual European Community subsidies. If the abortion issue became involved in the treaty debate, the

treaty might be defeated by this country. Opponents bad seen the travel ban against the girl as extending Irish mores hy preventing an EC citizen from using a service that is legal in another EC country.

The High Court had ruled that Article 8 of the constitution forbade the girl to leave the country to get an abortion. The article says: The state acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees by its laws to

respect, and, as far as practicable by its laws to defend that right."

While there seemed to be more public senti-ment in favor of letting the girl travel than against, Ireland was by no means unanimous. Callers to radio talk shows suggested that she might have seduced the man, and anti-abortion groups contended that the case was a set up by pro-abortionists.

San Marino Joins the World, and Wonders Why

PALESTINIANS REJECT DEAL - An Israeli negotiator, Elyakim Rubinstein, discussing

proposals to give Palestinians more control over daily life. They assailed the offer, Page 4.

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

SAN MARINO - It bas taken some time for the winds of change to sweep from the Caucasus and the Carpathians to this rocky redoubt that forms a graceful mole on Italy's

But now San Marino, which prides itself on being the world's oldest and the world's smallest republic - and once prided itself, too, on its aloofness - is on its way to joining the United Nations, just like some of the newly independent former Soviet repub-

In New York on Tuesday, the United Nations Security Council unanimously approved the application, possibly raising some eyebrows among cynical students of

the organization. After all, does a 24-square-mile (62square-kilometer | chunk of crag and valley, topped by medieval fortresses, home to a resident population of 24,000 and surrounded by Italy, meet the criteria of statehood? Here, along cobbled streets, in a place of

stone stairways and crenelated battlements. the answer among government officials is a resounding yes. And the Security Council obviously agreed in voting on San Marino's application to transform its observer status at the United Nations to full membership. But other questions seem to persist. One

is: Why now? Another is: Why at all? "It's no big story," said Vittorio Cecchi, who runs a cafe and bar. "There's no great interest in it bere."

As Foreign Minister Gahriele Gatti explained it on Tuesday, the United Nations application was one more sign of this place adjusting itself to a changing world where ideological divides have dissolved and this neutral territory feels it "has to be present in the international scene."

The fact of sitting around the table with the most important states in the world is a reaffirmation of sovereignty," be said in an

"Now." said Giovanni Zangoli, a reporter who covers the republic for an Italian newspaper, Il Resto del Carlino, "they are trying to adapt to the new reality and they are emerging from their splendid isolation."

Isolation, of course, is a relative term, restricted to diplomatic niceties. Last year, some three million tourists walked through the alleyways of San Marino, are at its eateries, bought the postage stamps and coins that flow from its official mint and clambered the paths and stairways that lead to its three castles.

They are lured, moreover, by relatively lower prices on liquor, electrical goods imported directly from Japan, perfumes and furs. And while the border with Italy is clearly marked, there are no passport or customs formalities for visitors and tourists. "Italians no longer consider San Marino a

foreign country," Mr. Zangoli said.

with outsiders. "Up until 20 years ago," Mr. Gatti said, "San Marino conducted a very closed policy. But since then, it's been very

Since its founding in the fourth century according to legend, by a Dalmatian stonemason who took refuge here from persecution by the Roman Emperor Diocletian the miniature state has survived as a political entity, despite the attentions of an assortment of visitors.

They included Napoleon Bonaparte, who seemed sympathetic to it, Cesare Borgia, who virtually ran it for three years at the beginning of the 16th century, and the expansionist Carindal Giulio Alberoni from the Vatican, who occupied it for four months in the 18th century. But it never lost its claim to statehood. A further intrusion came in World War II,

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Gorbachevs Stretch the Ruble

LONDON - The former Soviet president, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, complained in an interview broadcast Wednesday that be had been finding it hard to make ends meet on a state pension since his abrupt removal from power.

The return to the real world after having enjoyed the privileges of power appeared to have come as something of a shock to Mr. Gorbachev.

He also expressed concern that his successor. President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia, might become too authoritarian.

In the interview broadcast hy Britain's Independent Television News, Mr. Gorbachev's wife, Raisa, spoke out about her husband's sleepless nights during his time

The Gorbachevs were now said to be living in a three-room apartment in Moscow and a simple country house, or dacha.

Of all the trappings of power, only the black Zil limousine and 10 bodyguards paid for by the Russian government have been retained.

In the film, which was made by a French documentary team, Mr. Gorbachev was shown complaining about his lack of

"Raisa and 1. we receive all the bills," he said. "We pay them," and "out go the checks, and last month we calculated we'd spent 3,900 rubles (\$56) last month, 3,900. That's all my pension."

He said Mrs. Gorbachev received only the basic minimum state pension despite having "slaved away for 25 years." Mr. Gorbachev this week began writing

an internationally syndicated column for La Stampa in Turin. He has written several books that were successful abroad. His income from these sources, however, is not

By Glenn Frankel

Washington Post Service

LONDON -- M15, Britain's internal security service, has a new boss and a new headquarters. All it needs now, analysts say, is a new role.

Shrouded for decades in secrecy and intrigue, MIS took a giant step into the post-Cold War era Tuesday when the first woman to head the spy sbop took office.

That the government announced the appointment of Stella Rimington as the new director-general of the agency, replacing the retiring Sir Patrick Walker, was itself a major break with the past. Until now, the names of the agency's heads had remained confidential, as had their photographs, a practice that not only helped maintain security but also contributed to the cult of secrecy that surrounded the organization.

Mrs. Rimington faces a daunting task in carving out a role for MI5 in its own country and in a new world order in which its former main foe, the KGB, has all but retired from the field. In the past, as The Times of London defense correspondent, Michael Evans,

Disaffected Soldiers

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ters reported from Moscow

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ens of houses had been destroyed

and many civilians hurt or killed.

The Azerbaijani interior minis-

ter, Tofik Kerimov, said almost 100 Azerbaijanis had been killed in the battle and 250 wounded. Armenian

sources put the figures far lower.

en from the former Soviet Army,

hit back with a furious rocket at-

tack on the Nagorno-Karabakh

capital of Stepanakert, an Arme-

Azerbaijan, using launchers tak-

Kazakh Space Center

MOSCOW - Hundreds of

troops angered by poor working

conditions went on a rampage at

the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, killing three people and

burning barracks, news agencies re-

The rioting occurred Monday and Tuesday among the 17,000 sol-

diers assigned to construction

chores at the space center, the Interfax news agency reported. There

was no indication that operations

were disrupted at the center, the

main space launching facility in the

According to Tass, the "unrest

was caused by humiliation to which

soldiers were subjected by their officers, substandard living condi-

In addition, the soldiers com-

plained that 300 to 400 among

hem were ill and should be dis-

charged from military service, ac-

Rioters stole 17 cars and burned

4 harracks, Interfax reported.

Three bodies, two those of Kazakh

conscripts, were found inside one

A government commission set

up in response to the unrest agreed

to allow the sick soldiers to resign.

It discharged six months early all

soldiers who had already served a

year and a half, and it promised a 10-day leave for all. The commis-

sion also promised to improve sup-

■ New Violence in Enclave

The dispute over Nagorno-Kara-

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of the barracks.

With the KGB out of action, analysts say, MI5 is searching for more involvement in pursuing terrorism. the illegal drug trade and industrial espionage. It is being forced to compete for decreasing funds against rival agencies such as MI6, which handles foreign intelligence operations, and Scotland Yard's Special Branch, which for much of this century has beld the franchise on gathering information on the outlawed Irisb Republican Army. MI5 is reported to have tangled with Special Branch for control of counter-terrorism in Northern Ireland, where competition among the police, the army and the two intelligence agencies is said to be most fierce.

As bead of an agency with 2,300 workers and an estimated annual budget of about \$500 million, Mrs. Rimington will also face increasing demands for public accountability. "We still have to face the fact that in

points out, the KGB and MI5 provided a kind of "Keynesian job-creation program" for each other—with Soviet agents seeking to penetrate British society and MI5 watchers monitoring them as they did so.

Terrorism here. "We've operated a more arcane system of the Institute of the Study of Conflict and after a legal challenge revealed they were actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and after a legal challenge revealed they were actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and after a legal challenge revealed they were actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and after a legal challenge revealed they were actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and after a legal challenge revealed they were actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and after a legal challenge revealed they were actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and after a legal challenge revealed they were actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and after a legal challenge revealed they were actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and after a legal challenge revealed they were actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and after a legal challenge revealed they were actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and after a legal challenge revealed they were actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and after a legal challenge revealed they were actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and actually opponents of the Institute Study of Conflict and actually opp tem than the United States or Germany, and we are well overdue for a refit."

The 1989 Security Service Act put MI5 on British statute books for the first time and set up a tribunal to hear formal complaints from those who believe the agency has broken the law. But the agency remains semiautonomous. Unlike in the United States, there is

"supergum" project without detection by MI5, al-though the agency did prevent Iraqi front men from buying a Northern Ireland plant that produced components for ballistic missiles.

When the Gulf War broke out, British immigration

aliens as security risks. Many of the Arabs had to be released after a legal challenge revealed they were actually opponents of the Iraqi government who had taken political refuge in Britain.

MIS was long considered a bastion of "clubland" its senior bureaucrats were upper class, male and white. But insiders say more than half of the people on the staff now are women, although it has taken many years for one of them to rise to the top.

Mrs. Rimington, 56, is a highly respected career bureaucrat who has worked for the agency since 1969 and been involved in some of its more controversial operations. As head of the F2 countersubversion branch in the mid-1980s, she reportedly played a role in the surveillance and wiretapping of striking mine

Later, as head of counterterrorism, she reportedly oversaw the operation that resulted in the killing of three unarmed Irish Republican Army operatives by an undercover British military unit in Gibraltar in

WORLD BRIEFS

Khmer Rouge Strike UN Helicopter

PHNOM PENH (Reuters) — Khmer Rouge guerrillas opened fire at a United Nations helicopter on Wednesday, wounding Australia's senior 19

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UN army officer in the country, military sources said.

It was the first attack on UN personnel since they were deployed in Cambodia on Nov. 10 to supervise a peace accord after 13 years of civil war. "The helicopter sustained three definite hits and was grounded," an

Austranan officer said.

Military sources said Khmer Rouge guerrillas opened fire from the ground with an AK-47 assault rifle while the helicopter was flying at an altitude of 100 meters (300 feet). It was on a reconnaissance mission in Australian officer said. northern Kompong Thom Province.

Hopes Rise on Yugoslav Peace Talks

BELGRADE—A Enropean Community mediator, Lord Carrington, said Wednesday that he hoped to restart a peace conference on Yagoslavia son Meanwhile, two deaths were reported in rising violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Lord Carrington had three hours of talks here with President Stobodan Milosevic of Serbia on resuming negotiations on political problems once United Nations peace-keeping troops are deployed in Croatia in the next

He said that the talks were "extremely useful" and that the leaders of six former and remaining Yugoslav republics were likely to gather for the first time since November.

4 Die in Latest South Africa Ambush

KATLEHONG, South Africa (Reuters) — Gunmen killed four passengers in a minibus on Wednesday, in the second such ambush in two days in Katlehong, Residents of the black township east of Johannesburg said a fifth man, a white, was also killed, but the police denied this.

The African National Congress has hlamed the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party for a graft of attacks pince Saturday, Johannesburg and Congress has hlamed the Zulu-based Inkatha

Freedom Party for a spate of attacks since Saturday. Inkatha has denied the charge, saying its members have been targeted by ANC supporters.

The police said the nationwide death toll since Sanuday rose to more than 62, with at least 11 people killed over Tuesday night. Most of the fighting in Natal and Johannesburg has been between supporters of the ANC and Inkatha. Both groups are taking part with the government in

Aristide's Return Expected in April

WASHINGTON (AP) — The exiled president of Haiti, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, should be returned to power there within two months under agreements reached since Sunday, Haiti's ambassador to Washington said Wednesday.

Ambassador Jean Casimir said Father Aristide had not changed his position on dealing with the military leaders he holds responsible for his removal on Sept. 30. But the ambassador refused to answer any questions about the Haitian military, saying the matter was too delicate.

Father Aristide has been demanding the removal of the armed forces commander, Brigadier General Raoul Cedras, but left his position unclear at the end of talks with Haitian leaders in Washington.

U.S. Asks NATO Aid on Depot Costs

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The United States has asked its NATO allies to help shoulder the costs of some U.S. military installations in Europe, including depots for arms, fuel, tanks and other equipment, as well as hospitals, diplomats said Wednesday.

Washington wants the costs placed under the budget of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and shared by all 16 members, they said.
The change is part of an effort to save about \$300 million a year. The Europeans, who are also trying to cut their defense spending, have not yet

responded officially.

NATO's infrastructure budget, the major part of the cost of maintaining the alliance, amounts to about \$1.3 billion a year, of which 27 percent is now picked up by Washington.

Jakarta Puts East Timor Off-Limits

JAKARTA (AFP) - Indonesian authorities on Wednesday declared the former Portuguese colony of East Timor temporarily off-limits to foreign journalists, about a week before the planned visit of a Portuguese 'peace boat" there.

The Indonesian government declared its territorial waters closed to the boat, condemning the visit as provocative and politically motivated. About 100 students and journalists on board plan to lay wreaths at a cemetery in Dili to honor the victims of an Indonesian Army shooting there in November that killed scores of civilians.

Military officials in East Timor warned that passengers of the boat would be arrested if they tried to land. Other officials have said the boat would be treated in the same way as if it were a fishing vessel intent on

TRAVEL UPDATE

Virgin Atlantic Airways and the Massachusetts Port Authority have amounced a \$200,000 campaign to lure British tourists this summer. The effort, highlighted by ads featuring the comedian Tracey Ullman, aims to

get more passengers on Virgin's London-Boston route and attract tour; ism currency into New England's economy.

[AP]. Istanbul issued a warning Wednesday about the level of sulfur dioxide pollution in its air, an annual hazard caused mainly by people hearing. their homes with poor quality charcoal.



Friday will be mild but windy from Chicago to New York City, and the weekend will be mainly dry. key winds will chill eastern Canada and New England. Friday will be unusually warm on the Wast Coest. Showers may wet Los Angeles this weekend.

over much of Europe Fri-day into the coming week-end. Fog will persist in the deeper valleys of the Alps, however. Rain will drench the northwestern British takes. London will have a lew showers while Paris is mainly dry. over much of Europe Fri-

no legislative oversight committee. So far, MI5's record in the new game has been mixed. Iraqi agents in britain were able to buy and ship to Baghdad precision-made tubes for the abortive

officials, working off old and apparently inaccurate



MARKET RULES — A vendor from Azerbaijan selling apples at a Moscow train station. Like many other sellers, he prefers to bring his products to Moscow because of the much higher price that they can get there. Apples sell for about 50 rubles a kilogram.

Zimbabwe to Debate Taking Over White-Owned Farms

HARARE, Zimbabwe - Parliament plans to consider a measure this week that would nationalize the country's hugely profitable white-owned farms with little compensation and no right of appeal.

The violence threatened to about an Iranian peace initiative and drag the forces of the former Soviet President Robert Mugabe, whose popularity is at an all-time Army into full-scale warfare. The Iranian foreign minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, who is seeking to huild up Iran's influence in the region, was forced to cancel a

low, says the lack of good farmland is one of the greatest problems facing the country's poor blacks. The plan, critics say, threatens tions between the ruling black majority and the economically powerful white minority.

The white minority, which dominated this former British colony for almost a century before independence in 1980, makes up only about l percent of Zimhabwe's population of 9.3 million but owns about a third of the land.

Zimhabwe's position as one of the. land acquisition bill to take control of almost half the 11.5 million hect- try's largest private employer.

could sour the usually good rela- ares (28.4 million acres) owned by white farmers. The director of the mainly white

Commercial Farmers' Union. D.W. Hasluck, led a delegation last week that urged Mr. Mugabe to withdraw what he called "the landgrab law. The 4,500 white farmers, sup-

ported by major Western aid donors, argue that they produce most of the country's food, earn the bulk Mr. Mugabe wants to use the of export income from crops like tobacco and tes and are the com-

They say peasant farmers, who are to be resettled on nationalized commercial farms, lack the skills and resources to farm for export

Mr. Mugabe pledged to resettle a million blacks in the first few years of independence, but only 60,000 families have been relocated, on 3.3 million bectares.

Mr. Mugabe's party, the Zimba-bwe African National Union, holds all but three of the 150 seats in Parliament, so it can easily pass the

At Czechoslovak Arms Forge, Awaiting the Peace Dividend workers who once turned out many of the heavy weapons for Warsaw The problems at the factory, United States has shipped billions husbands remain the family bread-which employs 80 percent of the of dollars' worth of arms to the winners. Consequently, the impact make construction equipment.

By John Tagliabue

New York Times Service DUBNICA, Czechoslovakia — Ever since the 1930s, towns like this one in the soft valleys of the White Carnathian Mountains have production to the old Soviet housed Czechoslovakia's biggest arms forges, hidden deep from ene-

mies east and west. Now, two years after the collapse of communism and the resulting wave of disarmament, the Slovak

peace dividend.
"We once sent

planned tour of Nagoruo-Kara-

Union," said Ivan Juttoer, personnel director at the huge Heavy Machinery Works. "Now it is about 8 percent. This is our reality, and it is having a tremendous effect on em-

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people, are typical.

undermine industrialization itself and push this town back into a pattern of farming, a bit of tourism

and waves of emigration. The bitterness here over the arms industry is only reinforced when the news reaches the valley that the

Pact armies are still awaiting their work force in this town of 25,000 Gulf region, while the government has not yet been severe on nursery of President Vaclav Havel in dis- schools and other social services. arms industry closed down.

"My compliments to America's east, management spurned the arms industry," said Stanislav Ha-jas, an adviser to the management and the objections of Washington of Heavy Machinery Works. He and Israel and agreed in September added that about 5,500 of the com- to sell 250 Soviet-designed T-72 pany's 16,400 workers had been tanks to Syria.

aid off since 1988. At Dubnica's steel mill, whose 98,000 metric tons of annual capac- but rather regret that Dubnica's ity once barely met the needs of arms makers lack Middle East conassembly lines making heavy ar- tacts from the Communist days.

mored personnel carriers, workers may soon go on four-day weeks. arms production, we had 2 hillion Mayor Juraj Cervinka said some people opened small husinesses al- Hajas said. The aid provided by ter 90 percent of Duhnica's stores cash-strapped Prague this year to-were privatized. "Others are leav-taled only 1.2 billion koruny (\$40 ing, seeking work in Germany," he million), he added. said, "and an arrangement with the

tin, 80 kilometers (50 miles) north-

In Dubnica, there is no feeling of

censure for Martin's rebelliousness, "When the order came to stop

koruny in inventory tied up," Mr.

This is not Dubnica's first con-Dutch enables 300 workers to go to version. Under the Soviet government of Nikita S. Khrushchev in Until now, he said, most of those the 1950s, assembly lines that were drilling pumps that will go to haid off have been women whose huilt after World War II to make sia in exchange for crude oil.

But the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 reintroduced arms manufacturing and hrought a prosperity that was intended to wean Czechs and Slovaks from a yearning for freedom.

Mr. Hajas said potential investors were often frightened away by Dubnica's sheer size.

"It is fair to say that since the revolution," he said, "we've had 2,000 representatives of firms worldwide come through here. "But when they see how huge the

plants are, and hear that for the conversion of our former products about \$500 million would be needed in a short time, nearly everyone has a short discussion and leaves." One that did not is Reda Corp.,

an Oklahoma-based maker of petroleum pumps. Reda has agreed to transfer technology to Dubnica to employ about 1,200 people making drilling pumps that will go to Rus-

EUROPEAN TOPICS

Seville Fair Rail Line Will Get Army Guard

lines connecting Madrid and Seville, the site of the 1992 World's Fair, the Defense Ministry said Wednesday.
Officials are concerned about

or Basque Homeland and Liberty. The Basque separatist move-ment has repeatedly said that it will target the six-month World's Fair and the Olympic Games, which will be held in Barcelona this summer. About 15 people have been killed in attacks by Basque guerrillas since the start of the year. As of Sunday, military units

security plan for the fair, which ventional rail line.

national police patrols and belicopter patrols with night surveillance equipment

Paris Mayor Tackles Graffiti, Sort of Jacques Chirac, the mayor of

Paris, has cautiously joined the city's battle against graffiti painters hy proposing that aerosol paint spray makers provide a cleansing "antidote" for their products. With regional elections com-

ing up in a few weeks, the conservative mayor took a remarkably conciliatory tone towards taggers, as graffin artists are called here. "We must stop speaking to the youth of this country in terms of exclusion and fines, prison or even public service," he said Tuesday.

Mr. Chirac said that writing on walls represented "more a means of expression, a form of exuberance than a form of provocation or deliberate vandal-ism." Last year, Jack Lang, the Socialist minister of culture, described graffiti painters as "marvelous artists," and several French cities organized graffiti

The mayor said he would propose a bill requiring makers of aerosol paint sprays and colored markers to get special govern-ment authorization to market their products, and only on condition that they "furnish an anti-

Craffiti painters have been in-creasingly husy in the French capital, covering the equivalent of 200,000 square meters (2.2

other surfaces in 1991 times more space than in 1985. The current cost of cleaning the graffiti stands at 20 million francs (\$3.5 million) a year, Mr.

The Supreme Court in Madrid

began hearing appeals this week

Around Europe

to increase the sentences against 13 people convicted of selling toxic industrial oil as cheap cooking oil in 1981, killing at least 600 people and disahling 25,000 more. Only two of the 13 compensation since the 1989 trial because those found guilty declared bankruptcy. The hearings, which started Monday, are scheduled to last 10 days.

Hungary's population has plunged back to its 1970 level because of an increasing mortalrity rate, the government said. As of Jan. 1, the population had fallen to 10.3 million from a peak of 10.7 million in 1982, according to the Central Statistics Of-

Sytske Looijen

The Spanish Army will deploy up to 9,000 troops along 500 ki-lometers (310 miles) of railroad

attacks from guerrillas of ETA,

will be deployed along the rail-road lines in the first phase of the runs from April 20 to Oct. 12. The army will establish 300 control posts along the high-speed track that goes into service in April. One hundred more posts will be established along the con-

The military operation will be backed up by Civil Guard and million square feet) of walls and

are currently serving prison terms. Besides seeking stiffer sentences than those handed down three years ago, the state attorney and lawyers representing private plaintiffs are also try-ing to collect a court-ordered 600 billion pesetas (\$6 hillion) in damages. No one has received

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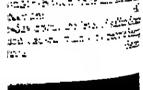
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New York Times Service ATLANTA - The Republican primary battle between President George Bush and Patrick J. Buchanan has rolled into Georgia with an angry tone. Each camp is trying to cast itself as the authentic heir to the Southern conservative tradition, and each is attacking

the other in a rough politics of values.

In a succession of television interviews, Mr. Buchanan sat in an Atlanta hotel suite this week and hit almost every flashpoint in Southern politics.

By Robin Toner

He railed against "blasphemous art" financed by the federal government, furned nbout "racial quotas" and hammered at a president who he said bad "cut deals" with Senator Edward M. Kennedy, the Massachusetts Democrat who is one of the enduring targets of the Southern right.

Meanwhile, the Bush campaign, after hav-

Schools Liable

For Damages in

Sex Harassment

The Associated Press

· WASHINGTON - Students who are sexu-

ally harassed may sue their schools and school

officials for monetary damages, the Supreme

Court ruled unanimously Wednesday.

Justice Byron R. White wrote that Congress

intended to let students sue for such compensa-

tion when it passed a law known as Title IX of

. The decision was a victory for a former Georgia high school student who sued over

alleged sexual encounters with an aggressive teacher. It reversed lower court rulings that bad

thrown out the woman's federal suit.

Marcia Greenberg of the National Women's
Law Center, termed the ruling a "major victory
for women" that would "heighten the sensitiv-

Ruled that cities may o ot be sued in federal

court for violating the rights of municipal work-

Decided that corporations cannot take federal income tax deductions for expenses they

incur in arranging to be acquired in friendly

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Agency's power to regulate dumping of treated

In the student sexual harassment case, the

lower courts had ruled that Title IX, which bars

sexual bias in educational programs receiving

federal financing, did oot allow people to sue

for monetary damages when they alleged inten-

The 1988 lawsuit by Christine Franklin alleged that Andrew Hill, her uinth-grade economics teacher in North Gwinnett, initially

began trying to engage her in sexually sugges-tive cooversations. The lawsuit said that he and

Ms. Franklin had sexual intercourse on three

occasions during her sophomore year.

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the Education Amendments of 1972.

Bush and Buchanan Slug It Out as They Hit Georgia ing held its fire in New Hampshire, was on the air this week with a television commercial featuring General P. X. Kelley, a retired Marine commandant, criticizing Mr. Buchanan for having opposed the war in the Gulf.

"It was a disappointment to all military people," the general says, "a disappointment to all Americans who supported the Gulf War, and I took it personally."

In a region coted for its tradition of military service, the commercial asks, "If he doesn't think America should lead the world, how can we trust him to lead America?" It ends with the line: "Pat Buchanan:

wrong on Desert Storm, wrong for America." Bill Thorne, executive director of the Bush campaign in Georgia, said: "We came out with a hard-hitting ad because we found most people didn't know he opposed the president on the Persian Gulf War. It's an educational

tions for the Buchanan campaign, said in response to the new commercial: "I don't think Pat Buchanan is vulnerable on the Gulf War issue. After all, Saddam Hussein still has a joh while a lot of Americans do not."

In short, both sides are running hard for Tuesday's primary in Georgia, whose results could be an omen for the following week, when voters in eight Southern or border states go to the polls.

Mr. Bush will be in Georgia this weekend, state campaign officials said, and Vice Presi-dent Dan Quayle was also expected in the The Bush forces are trying to pull off a complicated task: simultaneously defeat Mr.

Buchanan, mollify the party's right and lay the groundwork for unifying the party for the

The other new television commercial begun

president. The advertisement talks about the agenda to strengthen our economy" and ends: "President Bush: the future of America. In the hands of experience."

Mr. Buchanan is not making it easy for Mr. Bush. At a rally in Atlanta, where be ooted that two of his great-grandiathers "happened to be troublemakers and rabid secessionists." Mr. Buchanan told his cheering audience that "there's only one candidate in this race who's a conservative and a traditionalist across the board, who helieves in lower taxes, in less spending, in traditional values, in standing op for the right to life."

The Buchanan forces are clearly boping to attract conservative Democrats, who can vote in either primary because of Georgia's election law. This remains one of the important variables in Georgia.

Reagan Pulls A Curtain on Bush Photo Op

By John E. Yang Washington Past Service

LOS ANGELES — President George Bush, uoder fire from his party's right, had hoped for a symbolic, telegenic embrace from former President Ronald Reagan, his patron and Republican conservative icon, during an i8-hour stop here.

It was not meant to be. The small group of reporters who accompanied the president and his wife. Barbara, on their hastily arranged visit to the Reagans' Bel Air home was kept at the gate, which was wrapped in plain brown paper to block any public view. Other than a photograph that the White House released, the two men were never seen together, Neither spoke to reporters, and White House press aides said there

would be no official comment. The 20-minute meeting Tuesday, which administration officials said Mr. Bush had eagerly sought but had difficulty scheduling with the Reagans, came the same day that sources close to Mr. Reagan were quoted as saying that the former president was con-cerned Mr. Bush could lose a state that has voted Republican to 9 of the past 10 presidential elections.

Mr. Reagan did not attend a Bush-Quayle fund-raising dinner Tuesday night in Los Angeles, citing a previous commitment, There shouldn't be any doubt in any body's mind about the support of Ronald Reagan," said Mr. Bush's campaign press secretary, Torie Clarke.

Mr. Bush carried out a lucrative political fund-raising missioo in California, confidently predicting that he would carry the state despite concerns of important Republicans there that he risks losing the state's 54 elector-

Maryland Takes the Stage Analysts See State as No-Man's-Land, **Democratic Governor Backs Tsongas**

What's New in Primaries:

By Richard Tapscott
Washington Post Service

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland — Former Senator Paul E. Tsongas of Massachusetts won the endorsement of Governor William Donald Schaefer on Tuesday as Maryland entered its one-week spotlight as a proving ground for Democratic presidential candidates.

Mr. Tsongas and a fellow Democrat, Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa, touched important constituencies Tuesday during campaign stops in Annapolis, Baltimore and Montgomery Coun-ty, while Vice President Dan Quayle sought to shore up support for President George Bush in a meeting with Republican activists in Balti-

more County. The flurry of campaign activity before the statewide primary Tuesday followed a stop in Baltimore during the weekend hy Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansa, who picked up support from Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, a major public employees' union and two of Maryland's five Democrats in the U.S. House.

For Mr. Tsongas, who is locked in a tight struggle with Mr. Clinton in most polls, the endorsement by Mr. Schaefer on Tuesday is something of a two-edged sword. Mr. Schaefer's own popularity in the most recent polls has slipped into the 20s, a low point for the two-term governor and 15-year mayor of Baltimore. Yet Mr. Schaefer retains a large and active cadre of supporters.

Without a regional candidate or favorite son in sight, Maryland has taken on increased importance in the Democratic presidential contest this year. It offers what a professor at American University, Jamin B. Raskin, called a 00-man'sland where virtually any candidate could make

"It shapes up as a test for each candidate's appeal outside his own bome region," Mr. Ras-

Maryland has not received such attention from candidates in the past, when the state held primaries later in the year. Even on Super Tuesday in 1988, with presidential primaries oo the same day in 11 states. Maryland's vote for the eventual Democratic candidate, Michael S. Dukakis, was largely ignored. In moving the primary to March 3, the General Assembly sought to raise the state's political profile, and some analysts said it could be enhanced even further this year by the results of the New Hampshire primary.

This week, the diverse state of 4.7 million people is being carved up and targeted by the candidates — io personal appearances and over the airwaves - io the hattle for its well-educated and affluent suburbanites, concentrations of minority voters and large contingent of organized labor.

Mr. Bush enjoys a wide lead in two media polls released this week in Maryland, and his Republican challenger, Patrick J. Buchanan, is concentrating his fire for now in Georgia, which along with Colorado will hold primaries

But for Democrats, Maryland has become the scene of an unaccustomed tierce contest. Although battered by the recession, Mary land is oot the economic basket case that candidates played to in New England. Yet polls show that the economy and then unemployment are at the forefront in the minds of Maryland's 1.2

nillion registered Democrats and more than 600,000 Republicans. In the last year, unemployment in Maryland increased to 6.8 percent, from 6.1 percent. Manufacturing and construction industries sagged, and there were cuts in the high-technol-

fuel Maryland's rise as one of the wealthiest As in other states, the people of Maryland could be receptive to hear what candidates have

ogy, defense-related industries that had helped

'It shapes up as a test for each candidate's appeal outside his own home region.'

Jamin B. Raskin

to say about other issues, such as health insurance. Recent studies submitted to the legislature estimate that 640,000 Maryland residents bave no medical insurance.

Mr. Tsongas, who fashions himself as a probusiness Democrat, is broadcasting a television commercial in Baltimore and Washington that highlights his promise to rebuild the nation's industrial base. His ad was running juxtaposed with news of drastic cuts at General Motors.

During a rally in Annapolis on Tuesday, he said he sympathized with the economic woes of Maryland, "You've got a lot of people hurting out there, with the GM layoffs," Mr. Tsongas said. "I grew up in that situation."

Governor Schnefer, who did not speak at the Tsongas rally, said later that he liked Mr. Tsongas's consistency. "This is an election of people, people who are scared to death," he said. They're looking for someone who tells it like it

Senator Harkin, who has a long liberal record, also is seeking a share of support among Maryland interest groups. He met with steel-workers and the Baltimore Jewish Council on

Senator Boh Kerrey of Nebraska, who has a base of support in some Baltimore political clubs and veterans organizations, had oot turned his attention to Maryland, concentrating on the primary Tuesday in South Dakota. Eric Uslaner, a political science professor at the University of Maryland, said the state is in the limelight largely because it holds its primary

This is the first time in quite a while that Maryland has achieved such a prominent role," Mr. Uslaner said Tuesday.

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Palestinians Scoff At Israel's Plan for **Limited Self-Rule**

WASHINGTON - Israel is offering Palestinian Arabs control of their internal security, agriculture. education and a wide range of other day-to-day activities on the West Bank and in Gaza, diplomatic sources disclosed Wednesday.

But a Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi, angrily charged that the aim was to consolidate Israel's occupation of the disputed

We start with the assumption that we are human beings with rights, national rights and rights on the ground," she said, after a meeting with Assistant Secretary of State Edward P. Djerejian. They start with the assumption that we are inhabitants of the territories with no rights whatsoever," she

The 10-page document Israel turned over to Palestinian negotiators Monday and denounced by their spokeswoman would maintain Jewish settlements in the dis-

There is no offer in it for a redeployment of Israeli troops, observers said, but Israeli officials said that could be considered later.

The Israeli proposals were in response to a Palestinian plan that Israeli officials described as a thinly veiled demand for statehood. Under it. Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza would take on legislative, judicial and executive pow-

As the negotiations in the fourth round of peace talks resumed at the State Department, differences over the Palestinians' future were deep. While no one was threatening a walkout, the pace was extremely

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ness, observers said, Israeli negoti-ators handed the Palestinians "rather elaborate ideas" for limited self-rule. The chief Israeli negotia-tor, Elyakim Rubinstein, said: "We hope the Palestinians will be seri-

ously considering them." But Mrs. Ashrawi ridiculed the document, which Israeli sources said listed specific functions Palestinians would take over.

She said the proposals were preposterous, designed to perpetuate Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza and to foster apartheid, or racial separation.

While Mr. Rubinstein provided no details, other sources said Israel proposed having Palestinians control their own justice, agriculture, education, taxation, tourism, social security and labor offices. They would set wages, social security benefits and otherwise "totally run" these departments, the sources told The Associated Press.

Limited self-rule for the 1.7 million Palestinians is one of the main goals of the peace talks, which began in Madrid in October.

Israel calls its proposals Interim Self-Government Arrangements. The Palestinian plan is called Palestinian Self-Government Authority. According to Israeli officials, the Arabic translation for "author-

ity" is government.
The Bush administration and Israel have both ruled out a Palestinian state as an option in the current negotiations.

Even selecting the site for the next round of talks is a problem. Mr. Rubinstein said only his government had responded to a U.S. request for suggested loca-

"It's a pity time has to be wasted on such things," he said.



IN RIO, CARNIVAL AND FEAR OF CRIME — Military policemen arresting a child in Rio de Janeiro as the city prepared for Carnival. More than 10,000 people demonstrated against crime Wednesday. Hotelkeepers and travel agents are concerned about a 45 percent drop in tourism.

STATELY: Tiny San Marino Will Get Its Seat at UN

(Continued from page 1)

when Italy's fascists installed a puppet government that lasted un-til 1943. San Marino claimed neutrality in the war.

In the latter stages of the war, 100,000 Italians took refuge here, living in railroad tunnels. Despite its neutral status, Allied planes bombed the republic in 1944, killing 60 people, and German troops crossed the territory before the war

said, "is a mystery for San Marino,

"San Marino is very small, on a poor country." Mr. Gatti said, ountain," he said. "It was not an "now it's much richer." mountain," he said. "It was not an easy place to conquer, but it had no strategic value."

These days, some bere say, the value is of a different kind. While around one-third of its citizens some 11,000 in addition to the would not depart too abruptly 24,000 living here — are outside the from Italian policies and practices.

San Marino's ability to survive country, predominantly in Italy, as an independent state, Mr. Gatti New York and Detroit, those who have remained seem to prosper. "San Marino was once a very

> For some outsiders, the state, with its capital of 4,000 people, seems no more than an adjunct of Italy and, privately, some here acknowledge that the authorities

management.

years to rectify them." Peter Wilenski, the Australian representative to the United Nations and chairman of the panel,

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Air India, who was brought in to carry out the management changes.

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had become meaningless, "because when everyone is excellent, nobody s excellent Now, of 783 staffers monitored,

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rights abuses, vote rigging and em-bezzlement. (Reuters, AFP)

his bed. "Mielke slipped like a weasel under the bed" to pick it up, the ■ Honecker Not Seriously III judge said.
Mr. Mielke, who was seated be-Medical examinations of the former East German leader, Erich hind hulletproof glass, shouted, "Leave me alone! It's all lies and Honecker, 79, found no serious illnesses, despite reports that he was fraud!" after prosecutors read out has terminal cancer. Russian medithe charges. "I demand my release and the suspension of this trial! I cal sources cited by the Interfax news agency said Wednesday. am innocent. I didn't do anything." Judge Theodor Seidel ruled that the charges were still valid, since the Soviet occupation forces in Ber
1931 during Germany's chaotic Interfax said the tests revealed: "no serious disease of the stomach,

liver or other internal organs."

UNESCO: Panel Finds Progress

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anti-free-market rhetoric had ceased to be a problem and that they recognized that Unesco was trying hard to create a more independent, professional and dynamic

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BERLIN - The former East

German security police chief, Erich

Mielke, denounced his trial for two

1931 murders as "lies and fraud"

on Wednesday and demanded his

The Berlin court rejected defense motions for the trial to be canceled

on health grounds, saying that Mr.

Mielke, 84, was using an exercise bicycle in jail and had once crawled

under his bed "like a weasel" to

The court also rejected argu-ments that Mr. Mielke was semile and too depressed to attend the

trial and that the charges, dating

from 1934, had exceeded a 20-year

retrieve something.

statute of limitations.

But, as the report said, "it took many years for the organization to fully develop the set of problems it had in 1989 and it will take some

said there was no longer any objec-tive reason for the United States, Britain and Singapore to remain on

membership promoted reforms is over," he said. "Being in the organization would be a more effective way of promoting future reforms." C.L. Sharma, the former head of said a key measure was the imple-mentation of a new performance

percent of Unesco employees were

10.4 percent were placed in the "outstanding" category. But only 1.7 percent were classed in the low-

Mr. Mayor said he and his senior collaborators had been listed as

One of Unesco's problems, dip-lomats said, is that member governments have often promoted nationals into sinecures at the organization. Mr. Mayor basworked around this by bringing in

French Socialists Plunge in Polls

PARIS — Support for France's ruling Socialist Party has planning ed following the admission of the Palestinian leader Georges Habash for hospital treatment, according to an opinion poll published Wednes-

Only 17.5 percent of those polled said they would vote for the Socialists in parliamentary elections, compared with 22 percent of those questioned last month before the scandal broke.

The poll, due to appear in Paris Match magazine on Thursday, showed that the two main ecology parties taken together were almost as strong as the Socialists, with 17 percent. The mainstream conservative parties, the Rally for the Republic and the Union for French Democracy, scored 28 percent and 12 percent, while the extreme-right National Front was up 2.5 percent. from 15.5 percent in January.

Drug War Allies Vow a New Attack

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SAN ANTONIO, Texas - President George Bush joined Latin leaders here Wednesday for their second meeting in two years on the hemisphere's drug crisis, and they promised to redouble their efforts to choke off both narcotics supplies and the big U.S. demand

"We're going to get maximum cooperation," Mr. Bush said as he met with President Alberto Fujimori

. But even as the leaders gathered, Mr. Bush was facing criticism at home that his multibillion-dollar strategy to fight drug trafficking had been ineffective, with U.S. cities still flooded with ample, cheap supplies,

"We're going to huild on the Cartagena meeting." Mr. Bush said, "We're going to get maximum cooperation. We're going to redouble our efforts on the demand side and on the supply side."

Mr. Fujimori said the problem could not be fought by merely cutting off supplies. Asked if Peru needed more U.S. aid, Mr. Fujimori said, "Oh, sure." Mr. Bush pitched in, "Everybody does - including

The meeting expands on the meeting two years ago in Cartagena, Colombia, where Mr. Bush met with the leaders of Colombia, Bolivia and Peru, the principal

drug production countries in the hemisphere. Joining in the two-day meeting in Texas are the presidents of Mexico and Ecuador and the foreign minister of Venezuela, Illegal drug trafficking in those

countries have been increasing as the Andean nations

The leaders are expected to produce renewed com-mitments and strategies for halting the flow of drugs to the United States, the chief consumer nation, and helping poor farmers who grow coca leaves for cocaine

POLITICS: Another State Hands Bush a Big Setback

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flopped in his first contested venture outside his native New England. His performance is certain to renew questions about his national appeal.

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In the race for national convention delegates, Mr. Bush was leading, with 14: five were uncommit-

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A clear loser on Tuesday night cincts tallied, this was the vote:

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"Today the call is not a war in Southeast Asia," Mr. Kerrey said. Mr. Kerrey's chief spokesman, Mike McCurry, said he expected the race for the Democrane nomination to evolve quickly into a contest between Mr. Kerrey and Mr. Clinton, a "war of attrition" to accumulate national convention delegates. Asked about Mr. Tsongas, Mr. McCurry said he may remain in the race for delegates but added. "There's a real possibility he is a

was Mr. Tsongas, the upset winner of the New Hampshire primary. He

The other clear loser was Mr. Harkin, who needed a win in South Dakota just as much as Mr. Kerrey did. The lowan has vowed to continue through next week's contests, but his cash-starved campaign was struggling even before the disap-

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new efficiencies from GM's stamp-

"GM's major problems are in

organization and cost structure."

However, he said, the company has another potential problem in the form of the United Auto Work-

The great unknown is whether

the UAW will stand in the way of

GM's efforts to become more productive," Mr. Harbour said. If the UAW cooperates with GM, he

said, "Stempel can turn this com-

But in the meantime, talk is not

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2 Sons of 'Godfather'

Guilty in N.Y. Extortion

NEW YORK -Two men whose

father was the model for "The Godfather" in Mario Puzo's best-

selling novel pleaded guilty on Wednesday to charges that they

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in Manhattan criminal court. They

were accused of extortion, restraint

ing operations.

Mr. Harbour said.

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GM: Troubled U.S. Carmaker Sees Model in Europe

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closed down a certain number of operations, sold some operations and achieved some innovative work-rules changes," said a GM official. "He also had a very small, lean central-office structure with a

much smaller support staff." GM does not break down its losses on a geographical basis, but

Duel of Wings Between Jets At N.Y. Airport

The Associated Press NEW YORK - Two airplanes caught their wings on each other while rolling toward a runway at Kennedy International Airport. About 300 Paris-bound passengers had to wait while the planes were pulled apart, the police

"They just touched," a po-lice officer said. "They were hung up on each other a short

He said Tuesday that a TWA 747 headed for Paris and an Air France 747 cargo plane were both moving into position for takeoff when the right wing tip of the Air France plane hooked onto the

TWA's left wing tip. Fuel was shifted in each plane to tilt the planes away from one another so they could be moved apart. The planes sustained only minor damage and no one was in-

The 300 TWA passengers waited on the plane while the two aircraft were separated. then were taken back to the terminal to await another

James E. Harbour, president of a greater efficiencies in assembly op-manufacturing management-cou-sulting firm in Troy, Michigan, has work rules and the like, he said, estimated the North American loss at \$8.7 billion, using footnotes from the year-end financial statement released Monday and making certain other assumptions about the company's finances. It was Mr. Harbour who estimated the hourly

loss figures.

GM said that \$1.8 billion of the \$8.7 billion loss in North America actually was a charge against earnings to cover the cost of closing the

21 plants.
The first plant will be closed in the summer of 1993 and the final closing is scheduled for sometime in 1995. The real question for GM is pany around pretty quickly."

whether it can continue to go on losing that kind of money. "Absolutely not. You can't keep doing that," said Mr. Harbour. ning last year, GM racked up a loss of \$1.2 million in the one hour and "There's no way that anyone can keep doing that and stay in husi-

But Mr. Harbour, a frequent critic of GM, does not expect the automaker to go out of business anytime soon. Instead, he expects announce the record losses and GM to turn itself around and pros-per, saying. "It looks like Stempel finally realizes the magnitude of the problems affecting the company that Roger Smith left him."

Those problems include costly manufacturing and design procedures that critics contend are at the heart of GM's losses.

Maryann Keller, auto analyst at Furman, Selz, Mager, Dietz & Birney, has criticized GM in the past controlled trucking in Manhattan's Garment District, and they agreed to get out of the husiness. for not having a handle on its costs. Thomas and Joseph Gambino, 62 and 55 respectively, sons of Car-She has argued that the company often "had no idea" of exactly how lo Gambino, the founder of the much its costs were to produce a

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The Chinese government has few friends in Congress, but most Sen-ate Republicans agreed with the Bush administration that pressur-ing the Beijing government could be accomplished best through di-be accomplished best through diplomacy or trade sanctions. This obtaining anything in return.

Senate Trade Vote Beijing Warns of Damage To Relationship With U.S.

China Denounces

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BELIING - China on Wednesday angrily rejected a Senate bill that attached conditions to the renewal of Beijing's preferential trade status with the United States, warning that it would harm rela-

"The bill violates the principle of mutual benefit of bilateral trade," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement on national radio, "and the Chinese side rejects this and will never accept it."

This kind of conditionality will harm bilateral trade and diplomatic relations," it said.

The Senate on Tuesday approved a bill linking the renewal of China's most-favored-nation trade status to improvements in Beijing's record on buman rights, trade and missile proliferation. But the 59-to-39 vote fell short of the two-thirds majority needed to override an expected presidential veto.

The vote did, however, mark the first time since the military crack-down on dissent in 1989 that a bill to penalize China's growing ex-

ports had emerged from Congress. Washington first granted China most-favored-nation status, which gives Chinese exports to the United States preferential tariff treatment, in 1980. It has been renewed on a vear-by-year basis since then. The trade status for this year expires on

The Senate bill, which now goes to the White House, would require China to provide a full accounting and the release of prisoners arrested during the June 1989 demonstrations for democracy in Tianan-

gross violations of internationally recognized buman rights," the termination of trade practices restrict-ing the import of U.S. goods and services, and action to protect U.S. patents, trademarks, technology

take "clear and unequivocal steps" to prevent the transfer of high-performance missiles, chemical and biological weapons and nuclearweapons technology to other coun-

Despite what senators described

an election year.

Supporters of conditional mostfavored-nation status, however, said they believed that Mr. Bush's policy had been insufficient and that stronger measures were neces-

"As long as they have a friend in the White House," Senator George J. Mitchell, the majority leader, said of the Chinese government.
"they can do whatever they want.
"The president's policy has had

more than two years to achieve its stated goal," said Mr. Mitchell, Democrat of Maine. "It has failed. It is time to change the policy." Most-favored-nation status

grants a country the lowest tariffs the Umited States is authorized to Mr. Mitchell also cited China's occupation of Tibet and its \$12.69 billion trade surplus with the United States last year, the second-larg-

est surplus, after that of Japan, (Reuters, WP, NYT) ■ Dispute on Trade Talks

China reported major breakthroughs on Wednesday in talks aimed at opening up its market to U.S. exports, but the top American negotiator said discussions had made no progress whatsoever, Reuters reported from Beijing.

Unpublished Chinese rules and regulations on trade and investment were a key sticking point, U.S. negotiators said.

Both sides attained a better understanding of each other's position, and major breakthroughs were recorded during the meeting." the official Xinhua press agency said in a report on the opening round of talks here Monday. It said progress on some specific issues was made.

But the assistant U.S. trade representative, Joseph A. Massey, said at a news conference Wednesday, I cannot report that there has been a specific item of progress that has been made,"

Murder of Californian Takes Japan-Bashing Beyond Words

By Seth Mydans New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES - The stabbing death this week of a Japanese-American businessman who had reportedly been the target of anti-Japanese remarks and a death threat has heightened fears among Japanese-Americans of a spread of racial harass-

News of the killing of the man, Yasuo Kato, 49, a real estate consultant in the Ventura County town of Camarillo, spread quickly among Japanese-Americans in the area. It added to a sense of uneasiness that community teaders said had been caused by a recent spate of ugly incidents.

Recent incidents reported by Asian-American organizations include a cross-burning outside an Asian restaurant in the Los Angeles suburb of Lakewood last month; stones thrown through the windows of a Japanese borne in the suburb of Bellflower last week, and a gasoline bomb thrown at a Japanese couple in

the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Mr. Kato was found dead in his garage on Monday, two weeks after a confrontation with two men who had threatened to kill him and who had made remarks about job losses because of the Japanese,

said Vince France of the county sheriff's depart-The regional director of the Japanese-American Citizens League, Jimmy Tokeshi, said: "In light of all the different racial harassment incidents and Japan-bashing, I think there is heightened anxiety with the news that this guy has been killed, regard-

less of what the actual motive was." Prominent Asian-Americans say that such incidents have been spreading as Japan has become the focus of America's economic difficulties and that they have intensified since the Pearl Harbor com-

Both in California and around the nation, leaders ployed American worker and that be lost his job

hias appears to be taking a more concrete form, from racial comments to vandalism and graffiti, to hate mail and rock-throwing.

Increasingly, Mr. Tokeshi said, Asian-Americans are finding that "it's frightening to think what types of attitudes are out there."

Mr. France said that the motive for the killing of

Mr. Kato was still under investigation and that there were no suspects. But be said his office had received a report last week from Mr. Kato's son, Toshiyuki, about a death

threat to his father. Quoting from the police report, Mr. France said that two men arrived at Mr. Kato's bome on a motorcycle on the evening of Feb. 9, and that one of

them approached and knocked on his front door. "The individual stepped inside the entryway and made a comment to the effect that he was an unem-

Mr. France said. "Mr. Kato pushed the man out of the bouse, closed the door and heard the man say that he knew where he lived and that be would come

back and kill him." Mr. France said Mr. Kato had apparently been killed between 10 P.M. Sunday and 2 A.M. Monday after returning from a grocery store, and that a bunting knife had been found beside the body on the

floor of the garage. Reacting to the killing, the executive director of the Los Angeles City Human Relations Commis-sion, Ron Wakabayashi, said a disturbing element in recent incidents was that they appeared to have been

more premeditated than in the past. The national director of the Japanese-American Citizens League, Dennis Hayashi, said: "More and more, this Japan-bashing and 'Buy American' movement is manifesting itself not just in simple namecalling but in threats of physical violence.

In Slaughtering Troops,



GULF WAR REMEMBERED - In Greensburg, Pennsylvania, families of soldiers killed during the Gulf War cried during the dedication of a monument to them. The soldiers, part of Greensburg's 14th Quartermaster unit, died during a Scud missile attack.

UN Atom Agency Near Pact on North Korea Visit

By Michael Z. Wise Washington Post Service

VIENNA - The International Atomic Energy Agency is close to agreement with North Korea on sending experts to visit North Korean nuclear plants before Pyongyang ratifies an accord to allow inspections by the United Nations gency-a-senior agency official.

based agency. But U.S. officials

until it is able to produce weapons- Supreme People's Assembly would grade plutonium.

Representatives of several countries told the agency's board of governors that it was imperative that inspections begin before June. Washington's representative,

Richard T. Kennedy, urged North its nuclear materials and designs of its plants to the agency before the . tional dignity." safeguards accord was ratified so that inspections could begin quickly. The accord does not require that such an inventory be submitted un- agreement on when and who."

ratify the accord in April and that agency inspections could begin in

"There is no possibility that it will be rejected," be said, adding that North Korea would not allow "unilateral pressure" or "interfer-Korea to submit an inventory of all ence in our internal affairs to insult our country's sovereignty and na-

"We're optimistic it could be be-

Yongbyon, north of Pyongyang, official as saying. U.S. intelligence sources have said North Korea is approaching weapons capability at Yongbyon.

■ North Builds Up Defenses North Korea is strengthening de-fenses of its nuclear plants with tunnels and anti-aircraft weaponry.

The Associated Press reported Wednesday from Seoul, quoting local news reports... "U.S. intelligence information

pressed hope that they would in-clude a nuclear complex near Yonhap quoted a senior military South Korean officials accused

North Korea on Wednesday of stalling for time to build nuclear weapons despite its newly ex-pressed willingness to accept nuclear inspections. "We understand North Korea is

digging tunnels in Yongbyon," ronnap quoted an official as saysistion," a practice the group saysing at headquarters of the Joint has led to hundreds of "extrajudicial executions" and

South Korea's assistant foreign

Rebels Signal to Manila They Are Far From Out

By William Branigin

Washington Post Service
MANILA — The slaughter of more than 40 soldiers in a guerrilla ambush in the southern Philippines has sbocked the government of President Corazon C. Aquino and served notice that one of the world's last Communist insurgen-

cies is far from finished. In the attack on Feb. 15, guerrillas of the New People's Army, the armed wing of the outlawed Com-munist Farty of the Philippines. ambushed a company of about 100 Philippine army troops on a moun-tain road near Marihatag in the Sprigao del Sur Province on the southern island of Mindanao, killing at least 41 and wounding two

Survivors said the rebels, who included boys 12 to 15 years old, systematically executed wounded soldiers with the rank of sergeant and above, beheaded five officers. gouged out the eyes of the company commander and looted valuables from the dead.

The National Democrade Front, political umbrella group that speaks for the Communist Party. said it would investigate the "socalled atrocities" but said "no evidence" of "savagery" by the New People's Army had been produced.

The ambush illustrated the brutal nature of the Philippines' 23year guerrilla war, which bas claimed thousands of lives and produced widespread buman rights violations on both sides.

In a report on the Philippines issued Wednesday, Amnesty International criticized the Aquino government for giving the military free rein to fight the armed oppoofficial military and 'vigilante'

The Philippine military rejected

man rights group of ignoring rebel atrocities, Reuters reported from Manila_ The armed forces chief of staff. General Lisandro Abadia, said the

report was a biased repetition of old charges and was apparently part of an orchestrated attempt to discredit the military.
[General Abadia called on Amnesty International to explain the

purpose of singling out the Philippine military and "turning a blind eye" to the "atrocities" committed by the Communists.]

For the Philippine armed forces, the recent ambusb represents the other side of the human rights coin. But besides calling attention to alleged abuses by the New People's Army, the ambusb has underscored. some widely beld criticisms of the military, including poor small-unit tactics, sloppy soldiering and the

sale of army weapons to the rebels. The attack also has been something of an embarrassment for Mrs. Aquino, whn on Tuesday celebrated the sixth anniversary of taking office in the 1986 "people power" revolt that toppled the corrupt, authoritarian government of President Ferdinand E. Marcos. The restoration of democracy by Mrs. Aquino had fostered hopes that the insurgency would fade, and in recent weeks she and military leaders bad been claiming virtual victory

over it. General Abadia said last month that the number of New People's Army guerrillas bad dropped to about 15,000 from a peak of nearly, 26,000 in mid-1988. He forecast that by the end of this year, they would no longer pose a major secu-

rity problem.

Although the collapse of communism abroad and the institution of democratic reforms here have thrown the rebel leadership into some disarray. Western analysts. city of government services, con tinuing poverty and other root causes of rebellion, along with the prospect of chaotie elections in May, bave combined to keep the

rebels in business. The New People's Army insurgency "ebbs and flows," a diplomat wbo monitors it said.

"While it's on the defensive now, it is certainly far from dead," the diplomat said. "I think it will be a fact of life in this country for another decade at least."

2 Die in 2d Shooting At Brooklyn School

NEW YORK — Two students were shot and killed inside Thomas Jefferson High School in Brooklyn on Wednesday and a third student was arrested, less than an hour be-fore Mayor David N. Dinkins was

scheduled to speak there. It was the school's second fatal shonting since November. A 17-year-old was shot in the head, and a 16-year-old was shot in the chest, the police said. A student around 15 years old was arrested and a gun was recovered, according to the au-

view bolds that attaching condi-tions to most-favored-nation status could be only months away from month in which the pact is ratified. fore April." shows the number of ano-aircraft minister, Chang Man Soon, said groups. fore April." gun bases around North Korea's The sites in be visited have not nuclear facilities in Yongbyon has Wednesday, "By June, North Korea's rea will be able to have some weapcompromises U.S. leverage without nuclear-weapon capability and The head of North Korea's delethe Amnesty International report may be seeking to stall inspections gation, O Chang Rim, said that the been settled, but the official ex- increased recently from 5 to about ons-grade plutonium." nn Wednesday and accused the bu-

In Secret Cable, Mao Noted Risk of Invading Korea to Foil U.S. Power

By Seth Faison

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The publication of a secret cable from Mao to Stalin in 1950 has provided the first documentary evidence of the Chinese leader's intentions in his risky decision to enter the Korean War and engage U.S. forces in combat, answering questions that have puzzled scholars for decades.

The telegram and other documents that have recently been made public in the West have also persuaded historians that Stalin agreed 10, and then abruptly canceled, a Chinese request for Soviet air cover during the attack.
"If we allow the United States to occupy all of Korea," Mao wrote in the Oct. 2, 1950, cable,

mental defeat and the Americans will run more rampant and have negative effects for the entire The cable explicitly recognized that the United States might bomb Chinese cides in retaliation for its entry into the war, but asserted that the destruc-

"Korean revolutionary power will suffer a funda-

tion of the U.S. forces in Korea was a goal worth Two weeks after that summary of strategic thinking was sent to Stalin, Chinese soldiers invaded North Korea, where they surprised the U.S. troops who were spearheading the United Nations effort to protect the South Korean government of

Syngman Rhee.
The cable is among hundreds of documents that were published in Beijing in 1927 and 1990 as a collection of Mao's 1949-1951 papers. Although they were intended only for senior Chinese officials and historians, several copies have been ob-

tained by scholars in the United States. The documents also offer a glimpse at diploma-

cy between the Communist giants.

Scholars now assert that after Stalin reneged on air cover and army supplies for the Chinese invasion, originally set for Oct. 15, Mao froze preparations and reassessed China's position, but decided with his Politburo by Oct. 13 to go ahead. It began on Oct. 19. The invasion, by 260,000 Chinese troops, sur-

prised U.S. commanders in Korea and forced them into the greatest retreat in U.S. military

history. The deadlock that followed, after three

years of bitter lighting, left the Korean Peninsula

divided, as it has been since.

At the time the telegram was sent, General Douglas A. MacArthur, the commander of UN forces in Korea, openly doubted China's willingness to enter Korea with an army that was faugued from years of battle in its own civil war.

The Americans also ignored warning signals sent by Beijing as UN troops advanced north of the 38th Parallel, which had separated the territories under Soviet and U.S. control since the Japanese withdrew in 1945.

Because the Chinese troops moved undetected at the onset, the scope of their military presence was not fully grasped by General MacArthur until late November, when the Chinese began unleashing buge night assaults - sometimes called "human wave" attacks - on the UN forces.

At the time, some policymakers in Washington believed that the Chinese troops had been sent on orders from the Soviet Union, and that Moscow controlled a monolithie Communist Bloc. Although historians have since learned of the complex antagonism between Mao and Stalin, no documentary evidence has before been seen about what led Mao and his colleagues to their fateful

"Now we really have inside information about decision-making," said Allen S. Whiting, a professor of poliocal science at the University of Arizona, who wrote "China Crosses the Yalu," a 1960 book about China's entry into the war. "These

papers have been very illuminating."
Professor Whiting, whose theory that China entered the war out of a feeling of defensive necessity has been borne out in the documents. said be was surprised by the extent to which Mao worried about anti-government forces within Chi-

na at the time of the war. Mao at first besitated to enter the war. Professor Whiting said, partly because of what he perceived as a threat of lingering opposition to the Communist government set up only a year earlier, in October 1949. But by late September 1950, Professor Whiting said, Mao became convinced that a significant U.S. presence in Korea might lead to an U.S.-backed offensive by the Communists' enemy, the Nationalists, who had been expelled from the

mainland but still posed a threat from Taiwan. Scholars who have studied the documents warned that they should be viewed with the knowledge that in the past, Chinese papers have often

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been altered to paint political leaders in a favor-able or unfavorable light. Although the complexity and internal consistency of those documents point to their authenticity, there are other limitations.

"The problem is that they are fragmentary. said Michael Hunt, professor of political science at the University of North Carolina, who is also writing about the documents. "This is a cable in a series of exchanges between Mao and Stalin. We don't know what's been said so far."

In the Oct. 2 telegram, Mao refers to muchneeded assistance from Moscow. Stalin apparently agreed in the following days to provide air cover. but then reversed himself on Oct. 10.

Prime Minister Zhou Enlai went on a secret trip to Moscow to try to persuade Stalin to support the Chinese attack, but was unsuccessful. In a cable to Mr. Zhou on Oct. 13. Mao wrote that China's Politburo had backed the decision to go to war

The documents also fail to reveal whether Chinese leaders were part of any direct planning for the June 25, 1950, attack by Kim II Sung that began the war. It is likely, scholars say, that Mao knew of Kim's intentions but not of his timing.

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The Politics of Peace

Voters Will Have a Say

The conventional wisdom attending the Middle East peace talks is that they are going nowhere fast, what with the fresh violence in the region and the opening of long political campaigns in both the United States and Israel. But this is to misread the evidence across the board.

First the violence. The way all sides moved to contain and transcend the most recent incidents demonstrated that the strategic and political factors driving the negotiations are deeply rooted. Not even Israel's calculated nation of Lebanon's Shiite terrorist chief was allowed to interrupt the flow.

The American electoral scene could yet spring surprises, but the early evidence is that, notwithstanding a radical policy depar-ture by the Republican administration. Democrats are going to be slow to make political capital out of it. The departure, taken to establish American credibility as a mediator, is the tough Bush administration line on settlements in the West Bank. In other circumstances, many Democrats might have leaped to the defense of an offended Israeli government. But this time, by careful planning, the administration has sought in render its Mideast policy immune to partisan

Bush Should Be Firm

President George Bush, target of repeated primary campaign criticism for convenient flips and flops, deserves respect for sticking to principle on loan guarantees in Israel. "I'm not going to shift the foreign policy of this country because of political expediency," he said on Tuesday, and the terms that Secretary of State James Baker has now spelled out demonstrate his conviction: The administration will not support \$10 billion in guarantees for loans to aid absorption of Jews from the former Sovier Union unless Israel agrees to freeze its vigorous construction of new Jewish settlements on the West Bank and in Gaza.

This allays fear that Mr. Bush might, for political reasons, yield in Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's refusal to halt new settlements. But a different fear endures. With Israel heading into a June election, is Mr. Baker impermissibly using loan guarantees to influence the outcome

Linkage - of American aid and foreign behavior - has often caused heartburn. But loreign aid, weapons sales, loans and trade are legitimate ways for the United States to promote its values and interests, With the full concurrence of Congress, successive presidents have used these carrots to promote buman rights, free elections, economie reforms and the emigration of Soviet Jews and other dissidents.

South Africa's mistreatment of its black majority led to boycotts, an arms embargo and punitive sanctions. In once Communist Europe, even humanitarian aid has been conditioned on economic reforms. In the case of Pakistan, aid was terminated, as required by U.S. law, when Islamabad failed to curb its nuclear weapons program.

Israel, to be sure, is deservedly a special case, for reasons of history. Holocaust and geopolitics. Nowhere else has a democratic

upset. All Democrats may not laud the policy of standing up to Israel's West Bank settlements challenge, but they appear to believe that the time is not right to challenge it head-on. This clears away a major obstacle to American diplomacy at a useful time.

Israeli politics are the crucial scene. To those who feel, as we do, that the American peace initiative offers the Middle East its best chance for peace in decades, it is no shock to see Israel pause to consult its electorate. Rather, the pause marks a tentative success of American diplomacy. Just as it was intended to, American support of the negotiation is posing Israelis new options. Already both major parties have responded. Yitzhak Shamir's ruling Likud has called new elections, meanwhile elevating to a clear No. 2 spot the figure. David Levy.

most identified with the talks. The Labor opposition has put its leadership back in the hands of Yitzhak Rabin, the man for tough times of a party committed (as Likud is not) to exchanging land for peace.
In the new context, in short, the intrusion

of politics into policy, far from being deplorable, is a potential boon. Slow going or stalemate at the table is bearable if it comes with movement at the deeper political levels. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

nation been threatened with extinction by bigger, well-armed neighbors. America has long rendered generous and indispensable security assistance. No one disputes this broad commitment.

Beyond that continuing aid, Mr. Shamir now asks \$10 billion in loan guarantees meaning that, in straitened times, the U.S. Treasury would have to set aside bundreds of millions as a reserve against default.

Even so, the guarantees would be readily offered except for the dispute over settlements in the Israeli-occupied territories. Although originally justified as providing security, new settlements have sprung up for a political purpose; in tighten Israel's hold on contested territory. Israelis themselves are deeply divided by this far-reaching and costbuilding drive, which has diverted money from providing jobs and homes to new immigrants. Yitzhak Rabin, the new leader of the opposition Labor Party, vows an end to what he calls "political settlements."

In these circumstances, what are Mr. Bush's options? To remain silent or defer decision would advance Mr. Shamir's partisan interests. He could declare that America was willing in wink at more settlements after all. To speak out, as Mr. Baker has done, risks seeming to favor the Israeli opposition giving Mr. Shamir a chance to cry foul. Risk for risk, America's interests - and Israel's are better served by firmness.

Since 1967, when Israel conquered the West Bank and Gaza, every U.S. president has spoken out against settlements as either illegal or an obstacle to peace. To back away from that conviction now would betray more than principle and policy. It would undermine hopes for a compromise in the American-brokered peace talks that have just resumed in Washington.

The president and his secretary of state are right to hold firm.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

A New Olympic Era

Even during the Cold War, the Olympic team of its own, even if its medal collection Games usually provided time out for a did tend to confirm that Americans are not thaw: People on both sides of the great divide did not let their differences keep them from liking and sometimes making beroes of, the talented strangers from the other bloc who showed up on their television screens every four years. There was, nevertheless, always an awareness of sports being used as a surrogate for the bigger games of world power and East-West rivalry. Now, finally, that is gone, and, as the Winter Games that ended on Sunday made clear, the Olympics will be the better for it. Gone was the old hockey hokum about fresh-faced American amateurs vs. the So-

viet monolith. Indeed, gone was the Soviet. The story this year from France was of a brilliant "Unified Team" playing an outmatched U.S. bunch whose scrappy play was sometimes overshadowed by postgame whining. Most of the players on both sides had one great thing in common; a desire to make it some day in the National Hockey League. In other sports, too, the ex-Soviet athletes of the Unified Team, playing without national flags or anthems, drew admiration from all over the world, along with the Baltic states, former Yugoslavs and others competing under flags new to the Olympics. The United States fielded a nicely unified

exactly masters of snow and ice. Kristi Yamaguchi and Nancy Kerrigan (a good all-American combination of names there) provided the American climax on Friday as they stood on the podium in first and third places singing their national anthem after a scintillating two nights of figure skating. There were other highlights: Bonnie Blair and Cathy Turner, both star speed skaters, winning gold medals; Donna Weinbrecht taking a gold m moguls skiing, and Nelson Carmichael a bronze. Hilary Lindh and Diame Rolle, silver medal skiers, and Paul Wylie, the surprise silver medalist in figure skating were superb. Most of the American medals in fact, went to women, who also took second place in a speed-skating relay.

Political aspects of Games past have brought highs (Jesse Owens in Berlin) and lows (terror squads in Munich). The 1992 event may well be the beginning of a new era when nations applaud their own heroes without ascribing political significance to vic-tories or defeats. It is great in see young athletes of such brilliance under any circumstances, and in this new era of freedom and realignment, the glorious Games just completed lifted winter spirits and inspired hope. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

No Choice in South Africa

South Africa's white people have no real alternative to President F. W. de Klerk's private map to black majority rule in two years. The dismantling of apartheid cannot be undone. White abandonment of much of the country for a "white homeland" is neither tenable nor popular. The isolation that would accompany a reversal of policy would outstrip all that went before.

But it is not clear that the majority of the white minority knows that. Witness the thumping defeat of Mr. de Klerk's National Party by the intransigent Conservative Party in an election to fill a vacated parliamen-

tary seat in Potchefstroom, an Afrikaner district that the National Party had held since 1948. Fear of the unknown, fear of power in the hands of a previously sup-

pressed majority, prevailed.
In the fallout from Potchefstroom, Mr. de Klerk called a white referendum. In their special election campaign material, the Conservatives showed Mr. de Klerk and his former enemy, Nelson Mandela, together. His referendum will force whites to considor what alternative they think they have. The eboice is between Mr. de Klerk's way and chaos. Many South Africans will be bolding their breath.

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Look Up, Europe, the Eastern Frontier Has Opened

LONDON — It is time for Europeans to make an act of imagination. The act is directed toward Europe's east, but it draws upon a similar act of imagination required, not so very long ago, from some ex-Europeans who had gone to bye to the west of Europe.

Imagine yourself in the America of a century and a half ago, in 1842. About a third of the place we now call the United States has already got itself organized, and is doing nicely. Sud-denly, the door opens to the other two-thirds.

The first wagon train of migrants reaches Oregon this year, just behind last year's first big batch of arrivals in California. Texas will be absorbed into the Union three years hence.

The unlocking of the East is the opening of a vast new territory to a migration of ideas.

After the wagons will come the railways: A survey of the first cross-continent track begins soon. What started as a trickle at the Cumberland Gap is, in 1842, turning into a flood. Now, in 1992, something like this is sudden-ly possible for the third of Europe that has got

if organized into the European Commun The door has opened to the far larger stretch of Europe that hes to the east, because the owner of the key that had kept the door shut has dropped dead. These are Frontier Days for Europe, if Europeans want them to be. Hitch the wagons: Vladivostok here we come.

Of course, the opening of this European frontier will be very different from the open-ing of the American frontier. It will not consist of a wave of settlers, of cattlemen and

By Brian Beedham

farmers moving in to take over the land. Those Europeans who go east will be bankers and managers and technicians and salesmen working on contract, most of whom will head back in their old homes in the west when their

inbs are done. They will not be colonizers, because they will leave behind no colonies.

There will be no 1849 gold rush, even though some westerners will get richer than any forty-niner by reorganizing decrepit ex-Communist factories and oil fields from Prague to Yakutsk. And there will be no Indian wars, even if some apparatchiks do go on behaving like Apaches.

The opening up of the East, unlike the opening up of the West, is the unlocking of a vast new territory not to large-scale human migration but to a migration of ideas. This is the Western world's opportunity to spread, among its Eastern relatives and neighbors, the ideas that won the Cold War: a system of politics that puts rulers under the control of the ruled, and a system of economics that, warts and all, produces better results than any alternative so far discovered.

Or, rather, the next few years can be that opportunity—but they seem miserably likely to be an opportunity missed. Frontier days require the frontier spirit, a willingness to lift eyes to the new horizon, to seize the moment. And there is precious little sign of moment-seizing in the European Community right now. Are they hisching the wagons in Brussels? They are not. The leisurely current thinking

of the Community's bureaucrats is that negotiations for admission to the Community of even the three most favored countries of the former Communist world — Poland, Hunga-ry and Czechoslovakia — cannot begin for

another four or five years.
You had thought that the Community's insistence on "deepening" its institutions before it could venture upon "widening" its

membership would have been satisfied by last year's Maastricht agreement on eco-nomic and political union? You were wrong. so far as poor ex-Communists are concerned. They have to wait, it seems, until after the Community has held another "deepening" conference of its own in 1996.

The faintly more urgent view of the British government, which takes over the chairman-

ship of the Community for six months in July, is that Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia might actually get into the Community by the end of the century. Most or all of the rest of that great swath of land to the east will have to wait even longer. The people of Russia, the word goes, will find themselves waiting forever. And meanwhile? The Community has recently promised to take in more imports from the favored three countries. Unfortunately,

this qualified generosity does not seriously extend to food, the thing the three are best at exporting. The Community will admit only an annual extra trickle of agricultural imports from them over the next five years. The other eastern countries do not get even that much. This is not how the face of the eastern twothirds of Europe will be changed. That change needs a far more vigorous response. And that will not happen without a firing of the imagination. The Europeans who live at the lucky, well-organized end of their continent have not yet begun to realize the size of the challenge that

the end of the Cold War brings to them. To be sure, the response to the challenge has

to respect reality. It must, for instance, live within the laws of economics. It is no good

creating a "stabilization fund" for an ex-Communist currency until the government running that currency has brought its money supply under control. Otherwise the inflation caused by an uncontrolled money supply eats up the fund as surely as tigers eat up lambs, the currency stays unstabilized, and it has all been a waste of effort and the kindly donors' dollars. It is also necessary for Europeans to re-member that the future of Europe is not the

whole of the post-Cold War agenda. The end of the Cold War's discipline means that there could be quite a few more Saddam Husseins on the loose in Asia and Africa over the next few years. That requires Europe to put enough money into self-defense, including the sort of self-defense provided by intelligent aid policies to parts of the world that might otherwise generate new Saddams. There will be non-European calls on Europe's purse.

This reinforces the proposition that the opening up of Europe's frontier cannot be conducted by Europe alone. To help the building of market economies in the eastern two-thirds of the continent will take huge resources, both material and intellectual. Enrope cannot do this without the collaboration of the United States, any more than it can ward off the next Saddam Hussein alone.

But the first act has to come from the people at the western end of Europe. They need to open their sleepy mind's eye to a picture of what Europe can become within a generation or two: a place in which democratic prosperity reaches all the way in the far curricues of Siberia. If pluralism could roll westward in America, it can roll eastward in Europe. International Herald Tribune.

Personal Traits Matter, but So Does a Leader's Political Fitness

MINNEAPOLIS - Despite the strong voter turnout in New Ham whim wanty people remain deeply dissatisfied with how we Americans select our presidential nominees. Leading up to this year's campaign, we heard plenty of pro-mises from the media about greater attention to the substance of candidates' ideas. Soon enough, though,

personal issues took over. Already Bill Clinton and his wife have had to justify their marriage, and he has been forced to defend a thoughtful letter written as a college student. Paul Tsongas has stripped to a swimsuit to prove his health. Bob Kerrey has had to explain repeatedly why his family business cannot afford to buy private health insurance for its workers. How did these become issues in a

presidential campaign? Character is a legitimate political issue, especially in a president. America has had presidents with personal problems that seriously diminished their public judgment and power to govern effectively. Citizens should learn about these problems before candidates are elected, not afterward. But the present campaign is actually neglecting the qualities of

character that relate most directly to

the capacity to govern. Voters deserve to know about any candidate who wants to be president. We are voting for a person, after all, not a list of issue positions. We should know not just what the candi-dates say about issues but who they are: their depth, intelligence, honesty, sense of responsibility, courage. We should know if they are stupid,

arrogant, dishonest, careless. This is why the public is eager to get past the campaign handlers and the managed messages. It is why we so avidly watch the presidential debates, searching for any clues of what really moves the candidates. Easily lost in the obsession with

By Walter F. Mondale personal character, however, are more relevant questions about polit-

> Some of these questions are profound: What are the candidate's core political values? Does he have a firm sense of the direction in which he wants to lead the nation? Is he secure with himself - with his convictions and his conscience?

Other questions are more mundane but hardly unimportant: Does the candidate have the skill to build a coalition among disparate groups?
Will he be able to gain the trust and respect of members of Congress? Will he be able to handle himself with foreign leaders? Does he have the force of character and persuasive talent to get others to go along with him on controversial decisions? Does he have the judgment to select good advisers and cabinet members?

Unlike a parliamentary system, where leaders are picked by peers

who know them, Americans have developed a self-nomination system when almost errone with the ambition can run for president. A candidate is not required to pass any test: he or she does not need any organizational base of support; it is not even necessary for him or her to have been elected to office before.

Dealing with questions of political character in the campaign has become so difficult because we have confused the party nomination process with the presidential election itself. The election is the business of the people, but the nomination is more properly the business of the parties.

The problem lies in reforms, especially in the Democratic Party, that were supposed to open the nomi process and build public trust. Instead they have produced an almost universal suspicion of the candidates.

In turn, party leaders have lost the power to screen candidates and select a nominee they believe will best compete and represent the party in the November election. In these circumstances, the mass media become the by forum for dealing with a sticks of character, personal or political. Voters end up desperately trying to substitute for a nomination pro-

cess that is incapable of passing judgment on character. Rumors begin to pass for news, and reporters. are forced to engage in the psycho-analysis of candidates. Everyone involved is cheapened - the candidates, the reporters and the voters. The solution is to reduce the influence of the primaries and boost that of party leaders, who can be held ac-

countable for the personal and political character of a nominee. The "super-delegates" category established within the Democratic Party after 1984 allows some opportunity for this, but it should be strengthened. In November, the American people will once again vote to decide who

will occupy the most powerful public office on earth. A presidential elec-tion is our national celebration of democracy. It should provide an occasion for serious debate worthy of a great country. The process should have some dignity — even nobility. —Our citizens deserve a full opportunity to become informed, not just about the issues but about what kind of political character each candidate would bring to the presidency.

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Populist Distractions

A certain amount of guff and claptrap is inevitable in a campaign, but the voters this year are saying they want a serious discussion of their sub-

American Statesmanship, Too, Is in a Recession lems, is the better course for the By William Pfaff = country to take.

PARIS — The reputation of George Bush as master of for-eign affairs is both asset and handicap in his campaign for re-election. It is the thing he is supposed to be good at, but it invites the accusation that he cares little for domestic matters, and that the state of the American economy and society today shows it. His foreign policy reputa-

Mr. Bush is certainly experienced in foreign relations, which is not a small thing, and be clearly enjoys the statesman's role. But if he possesses any coherent conception of contemporary history and of how the United States should function in the world, he has given no evidence of this.

The "new world order" proposed at the time of the Gulf War has proved, predictably, to have been no more than a speech writer's phrase, a bow to the exhausted Wilsonian and Rooseveltian traditions of American internationalism. Nothing specific was actually proposed by Mr. Bush to change the way the world's business is conducted. To the extent that international society in the 1990s is different from the 1980s, the fall of communism is responsible.

The two great events of the Bush esidency have been the invasion of Panama and the rescue of Kuwait from Iraq. Both were unexpected decisions, the former even a capricious one. To invade a small country in order to "arrest" its leader and bring him to trial in the United States seemed even at the time an act of personal grudge or anger on Mr. Bush's part. There was no substan-tial legal justification or objective interest at stake worth invasion, war and civilian casualties (which in proportion to Panama's minuscule pop-

ulation proved very high).
The Panama invasion was certainno demonstration of President Busb's mastery of international affairs, nor even, perhaps, of his mas-tery of himself. It set a very disquieting precedent. The armed forces of the United States are not supposed to be at the personal disposal of the president, for use as be pleases.

The course of the trial in Miami of Panama's firmer strongman, Ma-nuel Antonio Noriega, has contributed in the conclusion that this was a very strange adventure.

In contrast, the issues of inter-national law and public interest were clear in the Kuwait case, as the Security Council's members and America's allies agreed. Yet here again there was an arbitrary quality to Mr. Bush's decisions. There was a lack of proportion in his responses and in his personalization of the conflict with Saddam Hussein which produced the impression that American decisions were not being made for trually ratio-nal reasons — that something was slightly out of control in Washington. Once again war was decided by the White House, acting alone, and the Senate was consulted only when the American commitment was complete and virtually irrevocable - and it

was reluctantly consulted even then.

offered by the Democratic candi-

dates, or by Pat Buchanan? Igno-rance or naivetè. All but Paul Tson-

On the other hand, what are we

gas claim that the economic difficul-ties of the United States today are due to its overgenerosity toward others — who are "mainlining out of the Treasury," as Mr. Buchanan says of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and foreigners gencrally. America is supposed to get tough with them and its proble will be solved.

This kind of argument, of course, makes George Bush sound good. At least it identifies him as in touch with the realities of America's foreign economic and political relationships.

Mr. Tsongas served in the Peace Corps and says that his time in Africa changed his life. Bob Kerry certainly had his life changed by the war in Vietnam. Mr. Tsongas and Mr. Kerry know what a country that is not the United States looks and feels like, and they grasp something of the lives of poor peasants in backward countries. That is a good start toward understanding that the rest of the world cannot be defined in the categories of the privileged American experience. However, such an understanding is not a policy, only a precondition for serious policy. Mr. Tsongas says rightly that the problems of the United States are homegrown and that solutions will be found only there. This is good sense about the United States, and indirectly about other countries; but his Democratic rivals

seem to disagree. All of this adds up to a better argument for American isolationism than any Pat Buchanan is using. If the country's political class knows so little and cares so little about the international system in which they function, it may be that an American withdrawal from world engagement, a certain isolation of itself from political matters which interest neither the new generation of leaders nor a public preoccupied by domestic prob-

Internationalization of the American economy will not be halted, but breakdown of the GATT system

seems increasingly likely, with the result of producing three more or less protectionist blocs, in the Americas, Asia and Europe. This is another reason to think isolationism plausible. There is a great deal to be lost as a result. The outlook for Eastern Eu-

rope and the Soviet successor states becomes a great deal more difficult if the United States pulls back from Europe. There will be much more severe demands on political leadership in Europe and Japan, if peace and order are to be kept. The postwar system indeed will be over. But better that it end rationally than that the United States become increasingly erratic and irresponsible in this world engagement that its citi-

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zens no longer seem to want.

stantive concerns by candidates capable of doing what they promise. The "therapy" that Pat Buchanan and Jerry Brown provide as vehicles for pure protest is an expensive indulgence. They are essentially distractions. The real work of the campaign is being done by the candidates who are attracting more than protest votes. - David S. Broder, commenting

in The Washington Post.

The Salvadoran Carnage Was Tolerated, or Worse

BOGOTA — From 1979 to 1985, some 40,000 people were murdered by far-right death squads in El Salvador. Roberto d'Aubuisson, who died last Thursday of cancer, was the most notorious symbol of those death squads, which sprang from a bloody alliance between far right military of-ficers and one of the Western Hemisphere's more reactionary oligarchies.

Mr. d'Aubuisson was a product of the highly polarized Salvadoran society, but he was also a creation of the Reagan administration and other conservative Republicans, who tolerated the bloodshed he espoused and led, and may have encouraged it.
While El Salvador moves toward

peace, the history of the U.S. involvement in the bloody 12-year civil war is already being rewritten or lorgot-ten. The war left 70,000 people dead and destroyed the nation. It drew the United States into nne of its longer military and paramilitary entangle-ments of the Cold War.

Before the war is forgotten, the arrogance and miscalculation that led to the U.S. policy that condoned Mr. d'Aubuisson and what he represented should be understood, in bopes it

will not be repeated. Mr. d'Aubuisson, who was cashiered from the army in 1979 after a colorful military career, did not sin-gle-handedly build the death squads, but he became their symbol. His charisma, political ability and facility as spokesman for the alliance that funded the death squads propelled him in a fearful prominence.

Mr. d'Aubuisson thrived because

U.S. leaders, who feared a Communist takeover, turned a blind eye in the use of state-sanctioned terrorism against Martist guerrillas, their supporters and suspected sympathizers.
The responsibility for this policy began with President Ronald Resgan and included Vice President George Bush and Jeane Kirkpatrick, then the

United Nations ambassador, together with Senator Jesse Helms, Repub-

By Douglas Farah

lican of North Carolina, and Oliver would be found at one of several grue-North, at the time an obscure aide on the National Security Council. In interviews several years ago, for-

mer Reagan administration officials told me how this policy emerged. They said that in the weeks between Mr. Reagan's November 1980 election and his inauguration on Jan. 20. 1981, his transition team and sup-porters in Congress — especially ad-visers to Mr. Helms — emphasized that the new administration be more interested in fighting Communists in Central America than in worrying

about human rights there. Mr. Helms has vehemently denied that he or his staff ever made such representations. But the fact is that from November 1980 to January 1981 some of the more notorious death squad killings took place.

Human rights organizations with good sources in El Salvador pointed immediately at Mr. d'Aubuisson. The dead included five leftist politicians killed on Nov. 27; three American nuns and a lay worker raped and murdered on Dec. 4; two American land reform advisers and the head of the land reform program, hated by the oligarchy, killed on Jan. 4. Archbishop Oscar Amulfo Romero had been killed in March 1980, at the

hands of a d'Aubuisson protègé; according in two men who participated in death squad activities, this was done with Mr. d'Aubuisson's knowledge. The U.S. Embassy in San Salvador later said that clear evidence of Mr. d'Aubuisson's involvement was available to Washington at the time of the killings. But the Reagan administration made no overt move to threaten

an aid cutoff or take other steps to curb the rightist violence. On television, Mr. d'Aubuisson, using stolen military-intelligence files, would denounce teachers, labor leaders, union organizers and politicians. Within days their mutilated bodies

some dumping grounds in the country.

The Reagan administration claimed not to be able to figure out who was behind the killings. But former administration officials with access to intelligence data told me that by 1982 most of the leaders of the far-right death squads had been identified by Wash-ington as officers in the Salvadoran security forces and military, with direct ties to Mr. d'Aubuisson. Only when U.S. public outrage threatened to move Congress to cut off aid to El Salvador did the Reagan administration finally act against Mr. d'Aubuis-

son and his network. One man who worked with Mr. d'Aubuisson told me how the major

sent him to be trained in interrogation techniques by veterans of Argentina's dirty was. The most effective techniques nique, he said, was strapping a prison-er naked to a metal bed frame set in a pool of water several inches deep. Electric current would then be run to the frame, with a special wire to the genitals. That is the type of ally the United States chose in its fight against Central American communism.

The tragedy is not just the bloody career of Roberto d'Aubuisson, but the policy that encouraged it. As Salvadorans celebrate the dawning of peace, the United States should not forget its share of responsibility.

The writer, special correspondent of The Washington Post in Bogotá, cov-ered El Salvador from 1985 to 1990.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Riot in Berlin

BERLIN - A great meeting of un-employed was held this morning [Feb. 25] in the hall of one of the large beerhouses in the South of Berlin, at which Socialist resolutions were adopted. Straggling companies of unemployed subsequently paraded the streets, and collected about one thousand strong. Cries were raised:
"Give us bread" and "Give us work." At this juncture the demonstrators and numerous idlers and workmen formed a procession and marched down Unter den Linden, singing the workmen's "Marseillaise." The mob was then warned to disperse. On their refusal the police drew their swords and charged. Numbers of persons were wounded on both sides until the police entirely gained the upper hand.

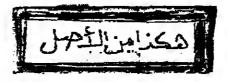
1917: From the Front

PARIS - The most important event on the western front continues to be the German withdrawal and the Brit-

ish advance on both sides of the Ancre. This movement now covers a front of about seventeen kilomètres, and bas progressed for a distance of more than three kilometres. The information available so far is not sufficient to determine whether the move

has come to an end or will continue. 1942: Against the Odds

WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition:] General Douglas MacArthur's forces, in a surprising offensive launched in the face of the overwhelming odds that confront them on the Bataan Peninsula, have driven the Japanese back from many of their positions and are continuing in hammer at the enemy. This was revealed in a War Department contmunique which led students of mili-tary affairs to voice the hope that the lightning offensive marks a definite strengthening of the lines on which the American and Filipino soldiers are resisting a foe that is numerically at least ten times stronger.



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WASHINGTON - What is 2.5 per-

cent among friends? Enough to ignite a nasty trade dispute that undermines Canada's stumbling Conservative government and the chances for a North American free trade area.

Aiming at Japan, the U.S. Customs

Service has sent an arrow straight into

the heart of the free trade agreement between the United States and Canada

that was to be the cornerstone of a

continental free trade zone covering

Canada, Mexico and the United States. The arrow is a customs ruling charging duty on Hondas made in Canada de-

Add that feat of misguided marks-

manship to the gratuitous insults that American officials have been heaping on

spite the U.S.-Canada agreement.

Squabbles over Honda

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Canada's national health system and you understand why Prime Minister Bri-

an Mulroney must be wondering what

he has done to deserve this treatment by

Mr. Multoney has played the role of Best Friend for Ronald Reagan and George Bush. When the Americans said

they wanted the free trade agreement in 1988, Mr. Mulroney put his career on the line to get Canada to join. When Mr.

Bush decided to go to war in the Gulf,

Mr. Mulroney went to Kennebunkport to applaud his decision long before that

The fact that Washington is now using the Free Trade Agreement — in

perverse sashion — to hamper Canadian exports does not help Mr. Mulroney

improve his current approval rating of 15 percent with his electorate. He risks

going in Canadian eyes from First Chum to First Chump,

At issue in this new trade dispute is a 2.5 percent duty that the U.S. Customs

Service plans to impose on about 75,000

Honda Civics manufactured annually in

Ontario and exported to the United

States, The Customs Service, by tortured

rewriting and twisting of definitions,

ruled this month that these Hondas,

with engines manufactured (from North

American aluminum) in Anna, Ohio, do

not qualify for duty-free treatment un-

tives that the controversial act held for

Canada. Mr. Mulroney and his party told voters that the accord would attract Japa-

nese and other foreign investors to Canada as a base for the North American

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Yes, Invest in Pakistan

But this is serious. These matters impair the ability of the Canadian government

to run its national agenda at a time of

Mr. Mulroney must put together a package of constitutional changes this spring that will induce Quebec to reject

separatism in an October referendum.

He also faces new national elections within the next 15 months in which his

handling of the economy and trade will

Cavalier treatment of Canada did not

begin with the Bush administration; it is

an old American habit. The slings and arrows that Mr. Mulroney feels so keen-ly are not part of some large, calculated American strategy to embarrass him. They are the result of individual small

etions and decisions by officials not

That is the problem. Squabbles over

Honda Civics take on such importance

precisely because there is no big picture. The Bush administration's failure to give

a convincing sense of direction and lead-

ership in world affairs means that minor

irritants dominate, and eventually con-

taminate, relations with friendly nations.

And in their eagerness to keep them-selves from looking bad on national health care in this election season, Mr.

Bush, his health and human services sec-

retary, Louis Sullivan, and others have

been trashing Canada's taxpayer-fin-

anced health service with unsubstantiated

anecdotes and misstatements. Although

he will not discuss it publicly, Ambassa-

dor Burney has asked administration of-

ficials to turn down the health care rheto-ric or risk counterblasts from Ottawa. Recessions and election campaigns

make it necessary for the Customs Service

and other government agencies to pick some fights. But it is equally important to avoid unnecessary, self-defeating fights. That awareness seems to be missing in

Washington's view of Canada these days.

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Regarding the report "Trust Us and Invest in Us — Developing States Com-pete Hard for Western Favor" (Feb. 10):

It seems uncharitable to say that Pakistan "attracted barely a ripple of atten-tion from the hundreds of businessmen and journalists attending the annual World Economie Forum." We hope that Pakistan's participation for the first time at the forum, which provides contacts with political, economie and banking leaders, will create favorable response in due course.

In industrial ventures involving heavy capital expenditure, decisions are not made on the spot. A considerable time lag is required for assessing results of Pakistan's participation in the forum.

> ABDUL HAFIZ KARDAR. Amhassador of Pakistan.

Duke Is No Huey Long

Regarding "1932 and 1992: Anger, Ugliness and Opportunity" (Opinion, Feb. 8):

I agree with Leslie H. Gelh that "now. as 60 years ago, intellectual and political categories have broken down," But in the next paragraph he suggests that there are "shades of Huey Long" in the fact that "David Duke can become a serious candidate for governor of Louisiana." David Duke, a former national grand wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazi, is a self-pro-claimed racist. Huey Long had a contempt for prejudice.

At a Klan convention in Atlanta in 1934, Mr. Long was vociferously de-

nounced. Hiram W. Evans, who was then imperial wizard, said he was going to Louisiana to campaign against Huey Long. Mr. Long made a formal statement about the proposed visit in which he referred to Mr. Evans as an "imperial hastard." Mr. Evans canceled his trip.

Commenting on Nazism in 1935, the year of his assassination, Mr. Long said; "I don't know much about Hitler. Except this last thing, about the Jews. There has never been a country that put its heel down on the Jews that ever lived afterwards."

H. E. EWART.

Philanthropist Drexel

Regarding the report "Drexel's Last Spending Spree — Executives Got Millions in Bonuses Just Before Collapse" (Feb. 13) hr Kurt Eichenwald:

When a name draws as much negative attention as Drexel has, it is time to remind readers that Anthony Joseph Drexel (1826-1893) was the antithesis of those who managed to plunder his good name in such a short time.

A. J. Drexel built his financial empire on honesty and good judgment. While many of his charitable contributions were made anonymously, he was less shy about underwriting the Drexel Institute of Art, Science and Industry — a college for the education of working-class chil-dren founded in an era when higher learning was out of reach for all but the privileged. His creation survives today as Philadelphia's Drexel University.

RICHARD M. CADWALADER. Stockholm.

For Wife and Fatherland

Many commentators imply that it does not matter when a public figure commits adultery. But when a spouse breaks a vow to be faithful for life, it gives some idea about dependability. A president-elect, after all, takes a vow to be faithful to the constitution and to the country.

MARGO E PALMER.

Myth America

I think that the French admire women like Jeanne Moreau and Simone Signoret not only for their seasoned beauty, as Joan Collins says (American Topics, Feb. 3), but for their intelligence, wit and professionalism - "character," it is called - much as Americans admire Katharine Hephurn or Helen Hayes. Perhaps Ms. Collins has fallen vietim

to her own Myth America. Other professional beauties who spend their lives nipping, tucking, lifting, massaging and be-ing plasticized and siliconed are often considered silly. What does not amuse the female public of 40-plus is that no cos-metic firm has openly dared to develop products for those of us who are "sea-soned," as it were. Real faces with memories written on them, or laughter lines, seem to frighten manufacturers of fashon and beauty products.

Now, that is silly. We are an enormous market and growing! We 40-plus (almost 50 here) have gained a bit of wisdom after all — the only thing we really are too old for is to be fooled. Ha!

JANE W. SCHMITT.

So, Has Young California Turned Old and Cranky?

By Richard Reeves

T OS ANGELES — 1 did about half a Rip van Winkle on California, commg back to live here again after almost a decade in New York, Washington and Europe. When I left, this seemed a young place, with people ever on the move. When I returned last year, I saw that California had aged more than I. It is in many ways an old place now, with people who have no intention of moving.

What happened to California was no

MEANWHILE

accident. I left not too long after state voters had approved Proposition 13, a ballot initiative that was hasically a scheme by the people who got here first in preserve their life-style and life savings at the expense of newcomers.

I came back to see that Prop 13, called the Jarvis-Gann initiative when it was approved by voters in 1978, was finally being challenged in the U.S. Supreme Court. The plaintiff in the Nordlinger v. Hahn test case is arguing for simple justice (in legal terms the phrase is "equal protection of the laws"), saying that there is something wrong with laws that make one American pay many times as much in property taxes as the next-door neighbor in an identical house on an identical lot.

That is one of the effects, some innded, some unintended, of Prop 13 after 13 years. The most publicized clause of Prop 13 was that taxes on all homes and husinesses in the state were frozen at 1 percent of the assessed value of a property in 1975 - until it was sold, and then the new owner had to pay 1 percent of the purchase price.

Stephanie Nordlinger, a lawyer who bought a home here for \$170,000 in 1988, was paying \$1,700 a year in property tax -1 percent of the price -when she discovered that the average tax bill of her neighbors in identical houses was \$376. The houses on ber street had not been sold or resold over the years, and the owners were paying 1 percent of 1975 prices plus an inflation surcharge apped at 2 percent a year.

Other examples of inequity were more dramatic. The little houses at 923 and 927 Nowita Street near the beach in Venice are almost identical, but the assessed value and taxes are not. The owner of 923 Nowita, a 727 square-foot (68 square-meter) house that sold last year for \$335,000, pays taxes of \$3,413 a year, while the owner of 927, which has 909 square feet, bought the house in 1959 and pays taxes of \$291 a year.

There is a mansion behind the gates of Bel Air with an estimated market value of \$9 million and an annual tax hill of \$7.850. Outside the gates, a house one-fifth the size on a lot onetenth the size pays \$8,850 in taxes -\$1,000 more than the mansion.

That is the way it is now, and it is getting worse every day. One effect is the

same as the 40-year continuation of rent control in New York City. (It was initi-ated there in 1945 as an emergency mea-sure when veterans came back to scarce housing.) Rent-controlled or Prop 13-protected, people have no economic incentive - quite the opposite - to leave large apartments and homes after their children are grown and gone. Growing younger families are driven farther and farther away from the jobs at the center of the city or are forced to pay higher and higher prices for housing because so much is being held off the market.

A second unintended effect of Prop

13 was that government, particularly tocal governments and school districts. and more exotic tand often unfair! ways to raise revenues - user fees and new special purpose government agencies to evade the Jarvis-Gann provisions under which tax increases for existing municipalities and agencies must be approved

hy referendum with a two-thirds vote.

The final unintended consequence is that California is falling apart. There have been several mini-Jarvises during Rip van Reeves's 10 years away, spending caps and such that make it more and more difficult to fill potholes — much less to build and maintain freeways, or to maintain what used to be a jewel of democratic governance: California's free education system, from kindergarten through such great schools as the Univer-sity of California at Berkeley and the University of California at Los Angeles.

Howard Jarvis and Paul Gann are gone now, but the evil they did lives on in the hearts of home owners who resent paying for the education of ehildren after their own are safely grown. There is still a Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Associ-ation here, run by a fellow named Joel Fox, who defends the inequities of Prop 13 by saying that he understands why new home owners resent paying higher prices than their neighbors, but that "they will feel better in a few years because the next buyer on the block will pay even more than they did."

Nice people! The complaint of Jarvisloving California home owners in 1978 was that they could not afford to buy their own homes after annual real estate price increases that averaged a booming 30 percent a year until the recession that hit here a year or so ago. That is small true, but what it really means is that they had got rich just by sitting home and not moving during the boom years. It is amazing to me that no challenge

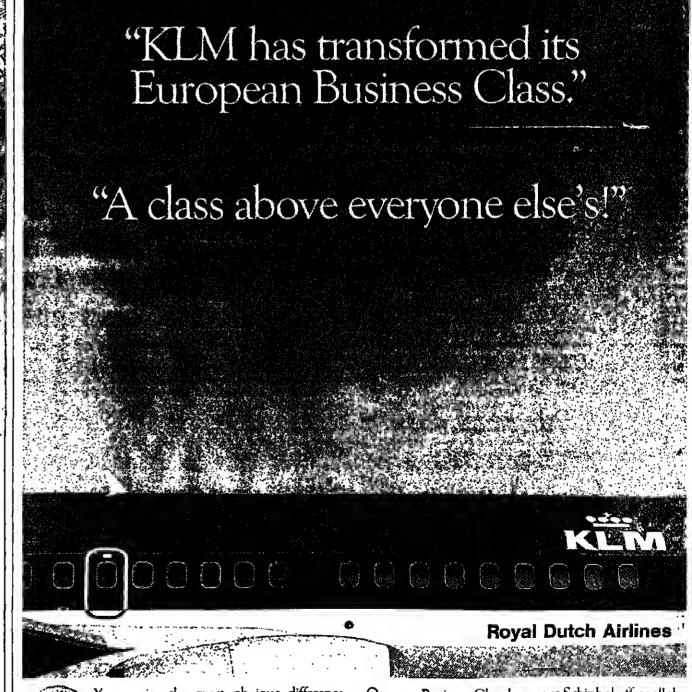
to the fairness of Prop 13 made it to the Supreme Court until now, But when I check back on my years away, it is obvious that California politicians who were legislators and California politicians who were judges did not want to move, either. They were not only afraid of Jarvis and Gann, they were alraid of their ghosts as well.

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Tracking Mutant-Gene Suspects

By Gina Kolata

EW YORK - Researchers' imaginations have been set on fire with the recent discovery of a new form of genetic mutation that makes genes expand as they are passed on from parent to child.

Scientists have already deciphered the molecular details of the mutated genes and are emharked on a quest to see how far the discovery can carry them in their search to understand human diseases.

The excitement grew within the past year among investigators studying a syndrome called "fragile X." the most commoo inherited form of mental retardation; myotonic dystrophy, the most common form of muscular dystrophy to strike adults, and X-linked spinal and hulbar atrophy, a rare ocurological

They ooticed that the genes causing all three diseases grew larger with subsequent generations. And the larger the gene, the more severe the disease symptoms.

Last week, just two weeks after three re-

search teams announced that the myotonic dystrophy gene was an expanding gene, five research teams announced that they had isolated it, discovered how it acts and found the segment of the gene that grows when the disorder gets worse.

The discovery that genes cause more trouble the longer they get shocked scientists. "Up until recently, everyone figured that all the different kinds of mutations that could occur had already been described," said Dr. Stephen Warren, a fragile X researcher at Emory University in Atlanta.

In a paper published on Friday in Cell magazine and io two papers that will appear in Science magazine oo March 6, investigators report that they have oow discovered what the mytonic dystrophy gene normally does in cells and how much it must grow to cause mild or severe disease.

The gene itself is a common type of enryme, called a kinase, that adds a chemical, a phosphate group, to other cellular proteins and modifies the way they function. When kinases add these chemicals to proteins, they

Scientists found genes expand and cause more trouble as they pass to new generations.

soup up some proteins and deflate others. In this way, they cootrol virtually every aspect of a cell's behavior, from its feeding

Dr. J. David Brook of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who is the lead author of the Cell paper, noted that because kinases are so important to the day-to-day life of a cell, altered kinases could easily lead to diseases. Many cancers are caused in part

by kinases that have gooe awry.

But Dr. Brook said, the most striking observation was that the repeated segment of the myotonic dystrophy gene is a string of three nucleotides, the huilding blocks of

And, he added, this is exactly the sort of segment that is repeated in the other two diseases that have been associated with expanding genes on a different chromosome.

People who do not have myotonic dystrophy have a string of 5 to 27 copies of the three oucleotides, designated CTG for the initials of their chemical names, in the kinase gene that goes away in this disease.

People with mild symptoms of myotonic dystrophy, like cataracts or a slight difficulty

in relaxing their grip, have at least 50 copies

of the repeated segment, lining up one after the other like a string of hoxcars. People with severe myotonic dystrophy

have as many as 2,000 copies of the segment. These people have severe muscular weakness, cataracts and other symptoms ranging from heart disorders to diabetes to getial atrophy to baldness in men.

In fragile X syndrome, a CGG segment is repeated 6 to 50 times in people who do not have the disease. People with 52 to 200 repeats may have very mild mental retardation and are at risk of transmitting a severe form of the disease, with pronounced mental retardation, to their children or grandchildren. Those with 230 to 1,000 copies of the CGG region have severe disease, Dr. Warren said.

"There are gray zones in fragile X that we don't understand," Dr. Warren said. "We doo't know the significance of the difference between 50 and 52 repeats or between 200 and 230 repeats. We are trying to find out what happens in those intervals."

People with spinal bulbar atrophy have a CAG sequence that doubles in size to 50 or 60 repeats when the disease is present.

UT Dr. Warren and others think that the importance of the findings will go far beyond just the three diseases whose genes were just shown to be expanding. Investigators are oow

shown to be expanding, investigators are dow searching gene libraries, computer files of genetic sequences, for possible expandable segments that could cause other diseases. They also are looking at specific diseases, like Huntington's disease, where the disease varies in severity obstween generations, to see if there are suspect DNA sequences that

could be expanding.

The oew discoveries, Dr. Warren said, "could explain diseases that clearly show faclear familial pattern of transmission." Warren said such disease include heart disease and schizophrenia.

Side Effects of Medication

doctor, optometrist of pharmacist:

Dr. Jimmy Bartlett, an optome-trist affiliated with the University

of Alabama, has reported, "It is not

at all unusual for a patient to come

into our clinic with a vision com-

plaint, only to find out the real

problem is a particular medication

he or she is taking."

He explained that most people

do not realize that common medi-

cations, like steroids and diuretics,

can cause eye problems. For exam-

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Common Drugs Can Cause Long-Term Problems

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

EW YORK - A traveling companion who was having trooble and relieved to learn that Sudafed (pseudoephedrine), the decongestant she was taking to suppress cold symptoms, is a stimulant that often uces wakefulness.

But while a temporary sleep disturbance is of little significance to health, dry mouth, another commonly overlooked side effect of this and other medications, can be more serious, especially if a drug is taken for a chronic ailment.

Doctors often caution patients that a prescribed drug may cause gastrointestinal distress, emotional disturbances or potency problems. Many people now realize that certain drugs can induce sleep and should not be used when operating a vehicle or dangerous equipment.

But few are warned about the effects both prescription and overthe-counter drugs can have on important organs like mouths, eyes, ears and skin. All too often, the side effect is treated as a new health problem, leading to more medica-tions and new side effects.

Since a steady flow of cleansing saliva is vital to the health of teeth and gums, persistent dry mouth can result in serious tooth decay. periodontal disease and, ultimate

ly, loss of teeth. Travelers who use a scopolamine patch behind the ear to prevent motion sickness are usually all too aware of the oral dryness this drug causes. But for many other medications, the effects on saliva are more subtle and often overlooked or dismissed as a minor problem.

MONG the many drugs taken indefinitely that can slow salivary flow are diuretics like Lasix, Hydrodiuril and Dyrenium used to treat high blood pressure, other anti-hypertensive medications like Aldomet, Catapres and Minipress, anti-anxiety agents like Librium, Miltown and Valium, anti-depressants like Elavil and Tofranil, antipsychotics like compazine, Haldol, Mellaril and thorazine and drugs used to treat Parkinson's disease like Artane and Larodopa.

Dry mouth can also be caused by medications for short-term relief, like antihistamines, which are often taken by people with upper respiratory infections as well as allergies. Among the most popular drugs in this category are Actifed ta combination of pseudocphedrine and antihistamine, both of which stem salivary flow), Benadryl, Chlor-Trimeton, Dimetane and Phenergan.

Other drugs taken indefinitely can cause gums to enlarge, become tender or bleed. They include aspirin, its derivatives and estrogen.

 Sulfa drugs and diuretics may cause ocarsightedness and blurred

Is Your Medication Causing Problems?

Some commonly used drugs cause unexpected side effects, many of them affecting the senses. Here are some drug-related problems that may warrant a consultation with your

Dity, scratchly or O Centracts or deady vision:

 Anti-psychotics can produce a gritty, stinging and burning feeling Oral contraceptives may in some women cause bleeding in the eye or clotting disorders that block

ood flow to parts of the eye. Dr. Bartlett said that in most such cases the problem can be corrected by cutting doses or switch-

ANY drugs have toxic lenses. People taking drying drugs effects on the ear's may find they are unable to wear delicate tissues. For their lenses for more than a few example, cootioned aspirin use, like the doses commoo-Dr. Bartlett listed these drugs as ly prescribed to treat arthritis, can among the more commonly used cause ringing in the ears (tinnitus) and deafoess. Tinnitus may also ones that can cause ocular proboccur during treatment with chlo-· Corricosteroids, taken for a year or longer, can trigger the start of a cataract, or clouding of the lens roquine, a drug that can result in oerve damage several weeks after

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Allergic reactions, like skin rashes, are also common and often misleading because sensitivity to a drug may develop over time or may not show up until after the patient has stopped taking it. Skin rashes or hives have been associated with antiobiotics like penicillin, strepto-mycin, ampicillin, tetracycline, kanamycin and ocomycin, and with allopurinol, barbiturates, co-

deine and some diuretics. Whenever a drug is prescribed, ask the doctor for a list of common side effects, both serious and pesky. Ask under what circumstances you should report a possible side effect as soon as it is noticed.

Dr. Bartlett also suggests that people on long-term medication (either prescribed or over-thecounter) should have frequent eye

If you are taking a drug sold over the counter, be sure to check accompanying literature or labels for warnings about side effects. If you experience an unusual reaction while taking any medication, it is best to check with your doctor without delay, but do not discontinue a prescribed medication or cessive pigmentation, rasties) can adjust the dosage without first seeking medical advice.

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Study Urges Ways to Curb **Postoperative Infections**

NEW YORK (NYT) - Simple alterations in hospital practice can greatly decrease the rate of infection after surgery, researchers say. A ocw study has examined the timing of the

use of antibioucs in patients undergoing operations. Doctors have known for some time that the two hours before surgery is the optimum time, but even if drugs are prescribed to be given then, many factors can interfere with their prompt use, researchers at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City. Utah, found.

By simple alterations in practice, staff members at the hospital were able to insure that nearly all patients received their antibiotics at the optimal time, cutting infectioo rates in half. Scientists say the problem cootributes to infections that strike nearly a million patients each year in the United States. The extra care they need adds an estimated \$1.5 hillion to the nation's health care bill.

The researchers say the study, reported recently in The New England Journal of Medicine, is the first to document the variability in practice and its effect on infection.

Europeans Seek to Block U.S. Patenting of Genes

LONDON (Reuters) - European scientists are putting pressure on their governments and the executive commission of the European Community to fight a U.S. attempt to patent

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more than 2,000 genes linked to the human

They fear that if such patents are granted, the genes' oew "owners" could reap a gold mine in royalties from biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies that develop drugs based on any of the gene fragments. At the same time, they could shut off free and open access to basic

biological knowledge.

In mid-February, scientists at the National Institutes of Health, a U.S. government research agency based in Bethesda, Maryland, applied for patents on more than 2,000 fragments of genetic material, even though they do not know the entire identity or the function of each gene. It is the second such patent application by the NIH. Last October, the same scientists filed applications, still pending, on about 350 genetic fragments.

A Vote for the Dry Side in the Diversity Debate

WASHINGTON (WP) - The greatest natural diversity of mammal species in South America is oot in the rain forests - the habitat that has become the focus of a global conservatioo campaign - but in descrts, scruhlands and grasslands that are largely ignored by advocates

of protecting hiodiversity.

That is the finding of Michael A. Mares, a zoologist at the University of Oklahoma in Norman and the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, who tallied the native habitats of 883 mammal species native to the continent.

"Unfortunately," he writes in Science, "scientists and the ubiquitous popular media have paid scant attention to the oeed to preserve deserts, grasslands or scruhlands.

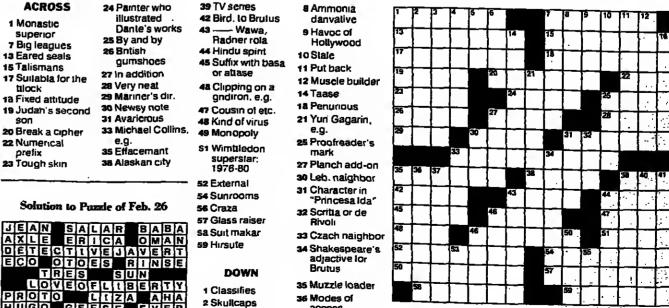
Dr. Mares divided South America into six major types of habitat - Amazoo rain forest, Western mountain forests, Atlantic rain forest, upland semideciduous forest, southern forests with moderate rainfall, and the drylands. The drylands were home to 509 mammals, 211 of them found oowhere else, while the rain forest, the second most diverse habitat, was home to 434 species, 138 found nowhere else.

Blue Crab Being Groomed As Foe for Zebra Mussel

NEW YORK (NYT) - Zehra mussels those prolific, tiny mollusks that were recently introduced by accident into U.S. waters and are clogging water treatment facilities and pipe-lines in the Great Lakes and elsewhere — might be controlled with hive crabs, scientists at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science have spec-

"Blue crabs would eat zebra mussels like popcorn," says Romnald N. Lipcius, who has watched one do so in an aquarium.

The institute is seeking funds to determine whether hlue crabs can be induced to stay in fresh water, which they occasionally visit naturally. If so, they could be planted in the Susqueapeake Bay, where the mussels are becoming a



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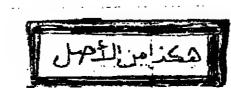
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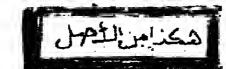
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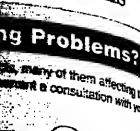


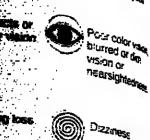
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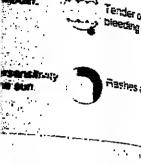


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Statement by the Majority Shareholders

On 20 February 1992 a proposed settlement was initialled by the Majority Shareholders and the liquidators of BCCI. This is the result of months of hard work to secure a fair deal for depositors and creditors following the closure of the bank.

The proposed settlement is the final chapter in the Majority Shareholders' campaign to secure a future for BCCI after they became majority shareholders in April 1990.

Events leading up tothe Proposed Settlement

After becoming Majority Shareholders we discovered certain problem loans within the bank. We immediately sought to uncover the extent of the wrongdoing and identify the wrongdoers. We injected substantial amounts of fresh capital and brought about board and management changes including the removal from their posts of the bank's President and its Chief Executive Officer.

Our objectives were very clear; to ensure that the bank should be run properly and that it should operate successfully.

Towards the end of 1990 we produced a restructuring plan which continued to be developed and refined during the first six months of 1991.

At the same time we set up an investigating committee which included BCCI's auditors, Price Waterhouse, and began to discover what is now well known.

BCCI had sustained substantial losses for a number of vears which had lain undiscovered. They were revealed by the investigations instigated by us.

All these initiatives were taken in co-operation with BCCI's auditors, Price Waterhouse, and the College of Regulators, including the Bank of England, who were kept informed of developments at every stage.

Nevertheless, on 5 July 1991, the Bank of England and other regulators closed the bank without warning and on information supplied secretly by Price Waterhouse in a draft Section 41 report, which contained no allegations of new fraud created within the bank after April 1990.

Since then we have set out to limit the damage caused by the closure. When it became clear that there was no future for the bank we began discussions with the liquidators to devise a plan to improve and speed up the overall return to creditors worldwide.

The Proposed Settlement

These discussions have led to the proposed settlement with the liquidators which when approved by the courts in the UK, Luxembourg and the Cayman Islands and by at least 70% of the creditors would include:

- A very substantial payment by the Majority Shareholders.
- 1 A return to creditors estimated by the liquidators to be 30-40 cents in the dollar.
- The Majority Shareholders taking on responsibility for certain liabilities of the BCCI branches in UAE.

- Why this Proposed Settlementis right for depositors and creditors

- The settlement avoids the need for long and expensive litigation in many different jurisdictions.
- 1 The liquidators have estimated that without such a settlement the return to creditors is likely to be less than 10 cents in the dollar and this return would not be made for a number of years, if at all.
- | | Whereas it is estimated by the liquidators that the proposed settlement will, when implemented, provide depositors and creditors with 30-40 cents in the dollar.

All of this has been undertaken despite the fact that our original plan to restructure the bank was thwarted by the regulators and Price Waterhouse; and that Price Waterhouse's draft Section 41 report contained some very serious and completely unsubstantiated criticisms of the Majority Shareholders; and finally that we, as depositors, as investment clients whose funds have been misappropriated and as shareholders, are the largest losers by far.

After we became majority shareholders we devoted a great deal of time and energy in attempting to restore the reputation of the bank and to place it on a sound footing. Our task was frustrated by the closure of the bank in July 1991. In spite of this we have sought a solution which is fair and just for depositors and other creditors worldwide who, having placed so much innocent trust in the bank, have suffered so greatly.

The Majority Shareholders of the BCCl Group comprise: the Government of Abu Dhabi, the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority and the Department of Private Affairs of H.H. Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan al - Nahyan

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not have made a similar decision.

Under an agreement between Mitsubishi, Volvo and the Dutch

government, each would take a

one-third stake in a new company known as NedCar, which would

make a range of vehicles under the Mitsubishi and Volvo names in the

The commission declined to say how much the Netherlands charged

for its shares under the agreement.

istry of Economie Affairs said,

"We think that the contract we have with Misubishi and Volvo Car Corp. is in accordance with EC regulations." Any further com-

ment, he said, would follow receipt

of a letter sent by Sir Leon to the

The Dutch government has one month after receiving the letter to

formally respond. The commission

could suspend or modify the deal

depending on results of its inquiry.

Car BV based on its 1991 book

value, which may not reflect the

company's future prospects in line

with other recent Japanese auto-

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nity. Particularly worrying to the commission is the Dutch govern-

ment's plans to sell off its remain-

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The deal calls for each share-

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A spokesman for the Dutch Min-

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With Mitsubishi

By Charles Goldsmith

International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — Seeking to head

off a bidding war among European Community nations for Japanese

car investment, the EC Commission

on Wednesday opened an investiga-tion into whether the Dutch govern-ment illegally enticed Mitsubishi

Motors Corp. in invest in an auto

The investigation marks the

commission's most intensive probe

to date into the sensitive issue of

Aer Lingus was fined for failing to

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The commission is concerned

that Dutch authorities undervalued

a company known as Volvo Car

BV, which was owned 70 percent

by the Dutch state and 30 percent by Volvo, in order in attract Mitsu-bishi into buying a one-third stake. "It would set a bad precedent for

future companies bargaining their way inm Europe if they can just pit

one government against another for the best deal," said a spokes-man for Sir Leon Brittan, the EC

competition commissioner.

"All governments must compete

for Japanese and other investors on

fair terms," the spokesman added.

"We are particularly concerned

about the car industry, because it is

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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Hong Kong Family Firms: Mom and Pop Are Aging

By Laurence Zuckerman

has a special prominence. According to one estimate, more than 80 percent of the companies listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange are controlled by a majority shareholder, usually by a single family.

But as many of these companies enter the world stage, propelled by Asia's spectacular growth, they are faced with the harsh reality that there is no way to run a mom-and-pop multinational

agement," said Anthony Griffiths, managing director of GML Consulting, a Hong Kong-based management consulting firm.

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The principal obstacle, Mr. Griffiths explains, is a kind of

culture shock rooted in the

suppliers, subcontractors, even customers, but he was careful never to put his full trust in anyone outside his family.

. In today's global and more competitive business environment. bowever, that same man must be convinced of the wisdom of delegating authority to professional managers outside the clan. Such common practices as offering stock incentives can be an anathema to a patriarch who has spent his life carefully hoarding

ship and management within a family-run company," said Victor Fung, chairman of Prudential Asia, an investment and merchantbanking arm of Prudential Insurance Co. of the United States. The guy who owns the shares is expected to be involved in management, whether he wants to be or is qualified to be."

R. FUNG IS familiar with the dilemma. His grandfa-ther was the founder of Li & Fung, one of Hong Kong's at Harvard Business School in the mid-1970s, he would offer advice to his father, who was then running the company. "He just thought I was out in left field all the time," Mr. Fung recalled.

Finally, after working full time at the company for several years, Mr. Fung and his brother William, who also has a Harvard MRA, concluded that the only way to restructure the company was to take it over. The two engineered a leveraged buyout of their 35 cousins and uncles and proceeded to revamp the company's management,

in addition to managing funds and arranging corporate finance, has more than \$500 million committed to financing similar deals throughout the region in exchange for minority stakes.

Mr. Fung said that when his team analyzes a company, what he calls the "transition risk" is the key factor. "We talk about companies either having gone through it, are about to go through it, or are in the midst of it," he said. As with Li & Fung, the catalyst for change in most companies is a younger generation of Western-

company goes a long way toward easing the transition. "Our uncles only agreed to sell because we were going to be continuing the family line." Mr. Fung pointed out.

In some cases, however, the older generation simply will not allow the company to be restructured. In that situation, Mr. Fung counsels patience. "If we can't do it then, we wait," he said.

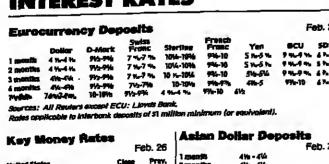
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Japan Says 'No, Thanks' to McDonnell

By Steven Brull
International Herald Tribune
TOKYO — Japan's three lead-

turned down offers to take a major stake in McDonnell Douglas Corp. because of fears of a politi-cal backlash from the United States and doubts over the economie viability of such an investment, industry analysts said on Wednesday.

Several U.S. investment banks tried in interest the Japanese in buying into America's secondbiggest commercial aircraft maker as recently as late last year, but bave found little interest, said Mineko Sasaki-Smith, head of research at Credit Suisse.

Despite fierce determination to advance in aerospace, Japanese companies reckon that taking a tions of civil aviation demand less major stake in McDonnell Douglas would set off sirens in Washington over the possible loss of technology that would belp Japan compete in one of the few remaining bastions of American high-technology dominance.

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The Japanese, with a leading

ing aerospace companies have tant to take a big stake in a major competitor to Boeing Co., their main contractor for airframe components and the chief supplier of jets in Japanese airlines. Moreover, with global defense en in that agreement and over the spending shrinking and projec-past several months McDonnell

> 'They've got all they can chew on right now. But if they had determined the acquisition would have had a bright future, they would have gone ahead."

rosy than just a few years ago, Japanese companies are cautious about making a major long-term investment with little prospect of immediate return.

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Mineko Sasaki-Smith, Credit Suisse. Douglas has said it was seeking to

> 51 percent for itself. Analysts said that taking a smaller stake in MeDonnell Douglas would present fewer risks, but also fewer incentives in the Japanese. "They want to get in and work with the leaders and

take a bigger stake," said Tim

sell a further 9 percent, retaining

based in St. Louis, last year agreed in sell 40 percent of its edge in airframe materials and manufacturing as well as in avi-onics, are already the biggess forcommercial sircraft operations to Taiwan Aerospace Corp. for \$2 eign suppliers to both Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, with about billion. But difficulties have aristwo-thirds of all overseas subcon-

> Japan is most closely tied with Boeing, the world's biggest air-craft maker; it has about 20 percent of the design, manufacture and testing of Boeing's next gen-eration wide-body jetliner, the 777, which is due to enter service

But political pressures have prevented the Japanese from graduating from subcontractor in full partner with Boeing. By contrast. European aerospace companies, bungry for Japanese cash, technology and market access, have been quick to offer partner-

Late last year, Airbus Industrie proposed that the Japanese join the development of a superjumbo

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Tokyo Opts to Leave Rice Off GATT Wish List

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TOKYO - Japan decided not in propose a system of tariffs to replace its ban on rice imports, spurning a request by the directorgeneral of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, a senior official said Wednesday, The decision was made despite warnings

from the GATT director-general, Arthur Dunkel, that the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade talks, launched in 1986, was on the verge of failure because of refuctance on the part of major trading countries to further

open their agricultural markets.

Mr. Dunkel has urged Japan, the United States, members of the European Community and others to replace all import bans with

Saks Plans

Expansion

ion stores in 22 states.

in or just emerging from bankrupt-

Britain's largest bank, reported Wednesday a 30 percent drop in profit in 1991, mainly due in bad-debt provisions that the group chairman, Sir John Quinton, said

Pretax profit fell to £533 million (\$938 million), from £760 million in 1990. The bad-debt charge, reflecting the effects of recession, rose to £1.75 billion from £1.25

The dividend was left unchanged

at 21.2 pence a share, in line with

average forecasts. But the profit

"If we see a slow revival in the

1.3 percent from 2.1 percent.

would persist this year.

(Reuters, AP)

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tariffs, which would be gradually reduced.

Each nation is to submit proposed tariff rates for farm and other imports by March 1.

But Koichi Kato, senior cabinet secretary, said Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, Agriculture Minister Masami Tanabu and Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe agreed at a meeting Wednesday "not to mention introduction of tariffs on rice in the reply to the GATT."

He added: "The reply should reflect Japan's position at the Uniquay Round of farm trade talks. That is, Japan is opposing intro-ducing tariffs on basic foodstuffs and seeking a meeting to modify the final draft."

Japan and five other countries including

Canada bave opposed the comprehensive

Tokyo opposes the tariff system because it fears that if its rice market were opened, it would not be able to maintain self-sufficiency in its staple food.

In December, GATT approved proposals drawn up by its director-general calling for nontariff import barriers to be converted into tarilfs with no exceptions. But Japanese agri-culture ministry officials said the draft had failed to abolish export subsidies, which they said distorted trade the most.

Tokyo did offer, however, to cut tariffs on 6,500 goods in the manufacturing and mining sectors by an average of half.

(Reuters, AP, AFP)

U.S. Orders for Durables Rise \$250 Million Rebound Does Little to Ease Worries About Economy

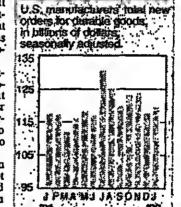
WASHINGTON - U.S. orders for durable goods rose 1.5 percent in January, the Commerce Depart-NEW YORK -Saks Fifth Avement announced Wednesday, but nue, the ghitzy U.S. retailer that was some analysts said the report was bought by its managers and an not a sign of the long-awaited eco-Arab investment group two years nomic upturn.
ago, said Wednesday that it would "The number

"The numbers are still very lackspend \$250 million over the next luster," said Darwin Beck, econo-five years to expand its business. mist at the First Boston investment Saks also said Investoorp Interbank. He said that unless other national luc, which arranged the figures proved stronger, the Feder-\$1.5 billion buyout from BAT In- al Reserve Board would have to dustries PLC, would pump another push interest rates still lower to spur growth. Economists said the increase in

orders for high-cost items did not renovate other existing outlets over of that within weeks, not months

not out of the woods yet," be told The 1.5 percent rise for January the National Association of Busi-follows a revised 5.1 percent de-

goods - items like cars and refrig- Orders for defense goods, which



Durable Goods Orders

taining recovery that had any mo- financial markets showed little re-

mand for sircraft, computers and

swing widely from month to month, fell 21 percent after a 90 percent jump in December. Excluding the defense sector, durablegoods orders rose 3.6 percent in January after falling by 9.2 percent Durables are not known for be-

ing steady indicators," said Ed-ward McKelvey, senior economist at Goldman Sachs & Co. "We know Greenspan watches them carefully. But he should have a deep-scated understanding of how volatile they are and we have seen a lot of other data that are just plain

The report came a day after Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady and Mr. Greenspan both said there were fresh signs pointing to continued economic growth. But many analysts, including

Mr. Greenspan, said they were dis-turbed by the results of a survey released Tuesday showing consumer confidence had plunged in Febmary to the lowest level since the severe recession in 1974. Consumer spending represents two-thirds of U.S. economie activity and is necessary to sustain any recovery.

The Commerce Department said orders totaled a seasonally adjusted \$119.6 billion, up Irom \$117.8 billion in December. (Reuters, AP)

Regarding the results in America. Sir John said Barclays had already

disposed of some nonperforming U.S. businesses and was prepared in

dispose of others that failed to achieve an acceptable return.

revival should begin to materialize toward the end of the year. The

first very uncertain straws of recov-ery are in the wind but consumer

confidence is still very low," be said.

Group PLC said it had a pretax

profit of £27.9 million last year.

against loans to British companies,

remained high. It had provisions in

1991 of £39 million, compared with

(Renters, AFP. Bloomberg)

after a £68 million loss in 1990. The merchant bank pointed to the good performance of its equities and treasury divisions. But it said its provisions, largely

Meanwhile, Kleinwort Benson

He also said that an economic

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND 20, boulevard Emmanuel Servais

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shareholders of DAIWA CAPITAL - L.C.F. EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND will be held at the registered office of the company on March 16th, 1992 at 12:00 a.m.

Approval of the financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 1991:

Discharge to the outgoing directors in respect of the carrying out of their duties for the year ended December 31st, 1991;

5. Re-election of the Directors;

Succursale de Luxembourg 20, Boulevard Emmanuel-Servais. 2535 Luxembourg

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2, boulevard Royal, L-2953 LUXEMBOURG

Notice is hereby given to the shareholders, that the

registered office. 2. boulevard Royal, L \cdot 2953 Luxembourg, on March 16, 1992 at 11:00 a.m. with the following agenda:

Auditor;

2. Approval of the Statement of Net Assets and of the Statement

3. Allocation of the net results;

5. Statutory Appointments;

The shareholders are advised that no quorum is required for the items on the agonda of the Annual General Meeting and that decisions will be taken on a ple majority of the shares present or represented at the Meeting with no

In order to attend the annual general meeting, the owners of bearer shares will have to deposit their shares five clear days before the meeting at the registered office of the company or with Banque Internationale à Luxembourg. 2, Boulevard Royal, L. 2953 Luxembourg.

\$300 million into the company. The company's chairman and chief executive, Melvin Jacobs, said the retailer was "moving aggressively and opportunistically into a growth phase." Saks will open beshow the turnaround being awaited by the chairman of the Fed. Alan Greenspan, who had said Tuesday . 31 Source: U.S. Commerce Dept. tween four and six new stores, relothat "if this economy is beginning cate as many as five stores and to move, we should be seeing signs

the next five years. It also plans to expand into international markets. Saks now operates 48 upscale fash-U.S. retailers have just ended one of the worst years in history. with well-known companies like McCrory Corp., R.H. Macy & Co. ness Economists, but added that he cline in December. Last month's and Bloomingdale's parent, Federated Department Stores Inc., either

mentum behind it. "It's clear we're action to the report. expected a pickup by the middle of increase was led by gains in de-A rise in orders for durable industrial machinery.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches level of provisions is likely to re-LONDON — Barclays PLC, main bigh."

Britain's largest bank, reported He added, "I do not expect 1992

Bank PLC. Sir John said it was due to be an easy year for business, either for us or for our customers." to costs for acquisitions and outlay on technology and equipment.

provisions particularly affected the group's domestic retail business.

decline, which was worse than expected, sent Barclays stock 20 pence lower to 374 by the close.

Analysts' estimates of the bank's profit had averaged £600 million.

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Banking sector analysts focused more would go in 1992. The target

The chairman said this would

DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENT

USD 0,10 per share for the Baring Global Fund FCP

USD 2,91 per share for the Baring Global Fund Management

or after February 27th, 1992 (ex-dete 21.02.1992).

THE BARING SLOBAL FUND MANAGEMENT CO Société Anonyme

Registered Office: Luxembourg, 14, rue Aldringen LUXEMBOURG, Section B 27131

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DALLAS — LTV Corp. said Wednesday it had agreed to sell its aircraft and missile subsidiaries for \$355 million to belp it emerge from bankruptcy protection, but a French military electronics firm was said to be preparing a rival bid. Thomson-CSF, the major French defense firm, is expected to

LTV Seals Plane Sale

But Rival Bid Seen

make a new bid for LTV's missile unit, Wall Street sources said. They said the Carlyle Group, a Washington-based investment firm that includes former Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci, may also join Thomson in an offer for both LTV's missile and aircraft units.

LTV said a definitive agreement was signed with Vought Corp., which is jointly owned by Lockheed Corp. and Martin Marietta Corp., in purchase the acrospace and missile divisions for \$319 million in cash and \$36 million in preferred shares. But the sale, which was previously announced, must be approved by the bank-

LTV recently reached agreement with five groups of creditors on the outline of a plan to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, which started in 1986. LTV intends to focus on its steel operations after emerging from bankruptcy.

DAIWA CAPITAL - L.C.F. EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD

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Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the

Approval of the report of the Board of Directors and the report of the Auditor;

3. Allocation of the net result;

6. Any other business.

Resolutions on the above mentioned agenda will require no quorum and the resolutions will be passed at a simple majority of the shares present or represented at the Meeting. A shareholder may act at any meeting by proxy.

On behalf of the Company, BANQUE PRIVÉE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD S.A.

AUSTRALIA FUND

R.C. Luxembourg B-24061

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of shareholders of AUSTRALIA FUND will be held at the company's

1. Submission of the Report of the Board of Directors and of the

of Operations for the year ended as at December 31, 1991;

4. Discharge to the Directors;

6. Miscellaneous.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



International Herald Tribune ONG KONG - The family business may be the foundation of capitalism the world over, but in Asia it

corporation.

"Many companies have found it very difficult to make the leap from patriarchal-style management to professional man

The key obstacle is a kind of culture shock rooted in the

Confucian tradition. Confucian tradition that dominates the region's ethnic Chinese

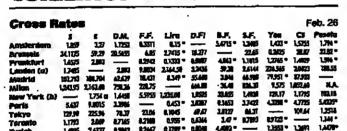
The success of the typical Asian company can be traced to the hard work and tenacity of a founding patriarch who built the business brick by brick. As the business expanded over decades, the patriarch may have formed alliances with outsiders, such as

the company's precious equity.

The basic issue is that there is no separation between owner-

The solution worked so well that Mr. Fung realized it could be a model for businesses throughout Asia. Today, Prudential Asia,

trained sons, or in some cases nowadays even a daughter. Knowing that a family member will still be at the helm of the



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INTEREST RATES

the early weeks of this year, with consumer and business sentiment remaining depressed." the National Institute of Economic and Social Research said in a quarterly review.

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interest rates falling to 9.5 percent from 10.5 percent. The forecasts are based on the assumption that the Conservatives will win the general election to be held no later than July 9. The effect of a Labor victory, the institute said, would be "to increase the fiscal deficit slightly in 1993-94, to slow down the rise in unemployment, to speed up recovery a little but also to raise inflation a little both this year and next."

Institute Sees U.K. Growth

Of Only 1.3 Percent in '92

LONDON — A leading economic forecasting institute announced Wednesday a sharp cut in its expectations for 1992 growth in Britain, to

"As yet, there is little tangible evidence of any recovery in activity in

The independent organization expects slow recovery this year, with

The institute's projection compares with forecast of 2.25 percent growth made by the chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, in November.



Barclays Sees No Relief After '91 Profit Plunge already reported at Lloyds Bank over the next five to seven years. PLC and National Westminster compared with 67.8 percent now.

> The impact of the recession and increased provisions particularly banks, has been cutting back on The impact of the recession and increased

affected the group's domestic retail staff in hold the line on costs in an

British and U.S. economics toward on operating profit before the bad- is to cut 15,000 jobs by 1995. the end of the year, there should be debt charge, which grew by 3.5 persone reduction in the bad debt cent to £1.75 billion, from £1.25 help reduce the group's cost/in- £43 million the year before. experience," Sir John said. "But the billion. This was below the levels come ratio in a target of 60 percent

The shareholders are hereby informed that the Annual General Meeting of February 21st, 1992 has approved the payment of a dividend of

to shares subscribed and in circulation on February 21st. 1992 payable on Dividend cheques will be mailed to the registered shareholders.

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Stocks surged Wednesday to another record high on the New York Stock Exchange as soaring Treasury bond prices pushed the Dow Jones industrial average up more than 25 points. Analysis said the market abrupt-

N.Y. Stocks

reversed Tuesday's 24.59-point loss on the Dow as investors switched aggressively into so-called growth stocks. Biotechnology and ealth-care stocks were among the

strongest performers.
The Dow climbed 25.49 points to a new high of 3,283,32, just eclipsing the old record of 3,282,42 eached on Feb. 24. Volume was a hefty 240.7 million shares, and gainers outpaced losers by a more than 2-to-1 margin.

The over-the-counter market also advanced strongly, with the Nasdaq iodex climbiog 11.00 points to 632.40. The American Stock Exchange index was up 4.19

Stocks got their biggest push from the Treasury, where the 30year benchmark bond was off its highs in late trading but still up 1-6/32 at 101-24/32, where it yielded

Bood prices rose after a \$9.75

with strong demand, producing an average yield of 6.75 percent.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan also turned up the heat on bond trading, saying it would be worth trying to limit the number of long-dated bonds in a bid to bring down long-term market interest

Although the Dow has set 13 closing records so far this year, some analysts are cautious because broader indexes like the Standard & Poor's 500 have lagged.

Musicland Stores, which launched an initial public offering, was on the Big Board actives list with over 4.1 million shares changing hands. It ended at 16 after being offered at 1414.

After three years in the hands of the takeover specialist Ronald Perelman. Coleman Co., the outdoorproducts maker, went public Wednesday. A 4.25 million share offering on the New York Stock Exchange closed at 25%, well above

the \$20 trading price expected. Some biotechnology stocks gained after First Boston added five companies to its recommended list. Centocor rose 11/2 to 36%. Amgen gained 31/a to 66%, Genzyme rose 41/4 to 48, Affymax added 11/4 to 28 and Immunex added 234 to 554. (Reuters, UPI)

Profit-Taking Pushes

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar fin- \$1.7540 from \$1.7402. ished broadly lower Wednesday on technical selling and profit-taking.

Dealers said the U.S. currency rose early in the session on a U.S. economic report showing that durable-goods orders rose modestly in January. It climbed to 1.6600 Deutsche marks but then failed to bold there as traders cashed in. "There might be a slight change

Foreign Exchange

of sentiment that the dollar can't go higher, and traders might be look-ing to test the downside," said Bob Morrissey, a senior dealer at the Bank of Boston.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the dollar beads down further," said Karen Kluge, technical analyst at Credit Suisse.

Later in the day, trading focused on the dollar/yen rate after the U.S. unit approached the key 130 level in Europe. The dollar finished the day in

New York at 1.6458 DM, down from 1.6575 oo Tuesday, and at 129.17 yen, down from 129.85. It also ended at 1.4938 Swiss francs, after 1.5048, and at 5,5955 French francs, after 5,6360.

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Dollar Broadly Lower The British pound gained to

> Earlier, in London, the dollar finished lower against the mark after a volatile session. It also drifted lower against the yen and the other key eurrencies.

> In late trading, the U.S. currency stood at 1.6495 DM, after opening at 1.6585, It closed at 129.75 yen, down slightly from 129.85. The durable-goods data sent the

dollar soaring to 1.6630 DM. Although it recoiled amid profit-tak-ing to 1.5490, dollar sentiment proved resilient toward the close. "It looks like many investors have decided the dollar is on its way up no matter what and are using any setback as an opportunity to buy their way in," said Robin

omist at J. Henry Schroder Wagg. Dealers said the Japanese au-thorities had made it clear that a push above 130 would draw beavy fire from the Bank of Japan and possibly from U.S. and European banks as well. It was their sentiment that if this level could be broken,

there were big gains to be made.
The dollar closed at 1.4955 Swiss francs; after opening at 1,5040, and at 5,6150 French francs, after 5.6400. The pound stood at \$1.7485, (Reuters, AP)

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Dow Jones Averages The Dow Daily closings of the Dow Jones industrial average 3250 3200 3100 **NYSE Indexes** 3000 M W NASDAQ Indexes 2850 1991 1992 **NYSE Most Actives** MEX Stock Index High Low Close Chips 414.02 409.27 413.97 +4.19 57% 281/2 15% 251/4 10 17% 81/4 65 25% 771/4 291/4 161/4 Dow Jones Bond Averages Market Sales NYSE 4 n.m. volume NYSE prev. cord. close Amer. cord. close Amer. cord. close Amer. prev. column NASDAQ 4 p.m. volumn NASDAQ prev. 4 p.m. v NYSE volume down Amer. volume down Amer. volume down NASDAQ volume up NASDAQ volume down NASDAQ volume down AMEX Most Actives 619 2014 1574 4474 779 13 75 43 14 2015 1616 +++ |+++ |+++++ |+| N.Y.S.E. Odd-Lot Trading NYSE Diary S&P 100 Index Options Feb. 16 1141 584 489 2214 94 12 1082 485 2211 39 Amex Diary 10:2 249 344 214 820 15 200 Dec 91 Dec 27 **NASDAQ Diary**

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PARIS — An appeals court refused Wednesday a request by Exor SA and its allies for a delay io an order that Exor launch a bid for the stock it does not already own in Source Perrier SA.

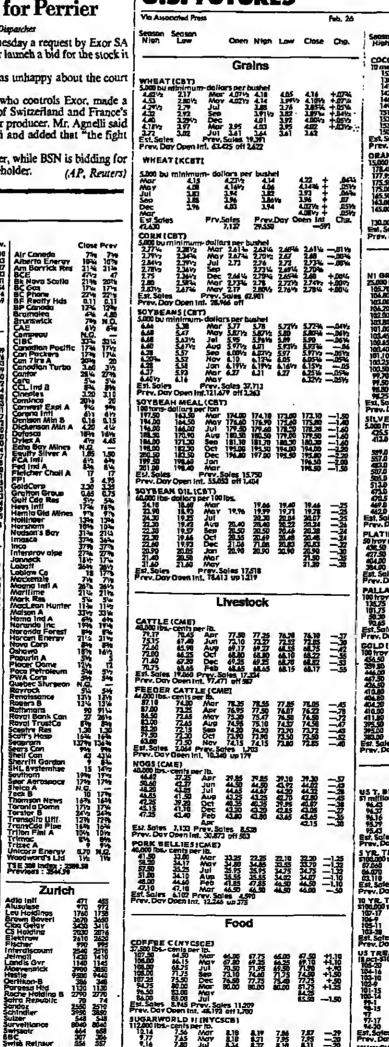
An Exor spokesman said the company was unhappy about the court ruling but would abide by the decision.

In Rome, meanwhile, Giovanni Agnelli, who controls Exor, made a rare comment on the fight with Nestle SA of Switzerland and France's BSN SA for the world's largest mineral-water producer. Mr. Agnelli said he was not worried about the court decision and added that "the fight does not worty us.

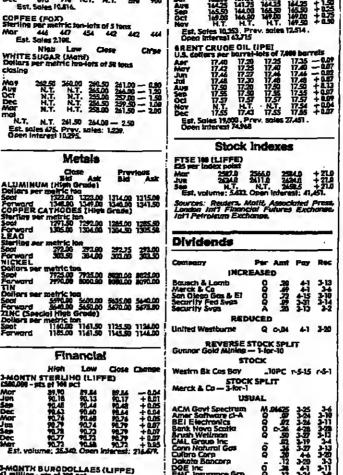
Nestle is bidding directly for Source Perrier, while BSN is bidding for Exor, which is Source Perrier's biggest shareholder. (AP. Reuters)

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McCrory Files for Court Protection

NEW YORK (AP) - McCrory Corp. filed for protection from its.

creditors under Chapter 11 of the U.S. bankruptcy code on Wednesday. less than two weeks after the retailer missed a key loan payment. The move had been expected since McCrory missed the Feb. 15 payment on \$3.37 million in debt securities and said it was "considering its restructuring options." The company announced plans in December

to close nearly a quarter of its 1,030 variety stores and to cut 2,000 jobs among its work force of 25,000. The clerk's office at U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York confirmed that McCrory had made a Chapter 11 filing. Company executives were not immediately available for comment but were said to be planning to

issue a statement. McCrory joins a list of other retailers that bave filed for Chapter 11 this year, including R. H. Macy & Co. Inc., Seaman Furniture Co. and the jeweler Zale Corp.

Wal-Mart Sales Soar Amid Recession

BENTONVILLE Arkansas (Combined Dispatches) - Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the nation's biggest retailer, reported on Wednesday record sales and profits for its 1991-92 financial year, defying the recessionary downturn that has plagued most other retailers.

Wal-Mart also had record earnings of \$602.4 million for the fourth quarter, which ended Jan. 31, up 25 percent from \$481.8 million a year artier. Sales for the quarter hit a record, too, soaring 32 percent to \$13.64 billion from \$10.36 billion.

For the year, net income was up 25 percent to \$1.61 billion compared with \$1.29 billion in 1990-91. Sales shot up 35 percent, to \$43.89 billion from \$32.6 billion, the eighth straight annual increase. (Reuters, UPI)

ITT Weighs Spinoffs to Boost Stock

NEW YORK (Reuters) — ITT Corp., the symbol of a major conglomerate for the last 20 years, said Wednesday it may split into smaller pieces to make itself more attractive to investors.

The news sent ITT shares soaring \$5 to \$65 at the close of trading. Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange. Analysts estimated ITT's breakup value at \$80 to \$90 a share.

The company, which is involved in insurance, electronics, auto parts, botel, pulp and consumer lending, said it was considering the "theoretical option" of splitting up to boost its stock performance. It said the possibilities included spinning off its Sheraton hotel unit and financial services business from manufacturing businesses. Sheraton has 500 hotels worldwide. It also owns the Hartford Insurance group. . .

Hewlett-Packard and IBM in Alliance

PALO ALTO, California (Reuters) - Hewlett-Packard Co. and International Business Machines Corp. announced on Wednesday an alliance to develop and manufacture fiber-optic components for use in computers

The alliance creates a framework combining IBM's optical link card manufacturing and compact disk laser applications with Hewlett-Packard's optical-receivers technologies and high-speed integrated circuits. and should enable the companies to bring new products to market more quickly. The financial terms were not disclosed

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Litton Posts Small Increase in Profit

BEVERLY HILLS, California (UPI) - The manufacturing conglorierate Litton Industries Inc. reported Wednesday earnings of \$43.3 million for its second quarter, ended Jan. 31, up 7.4 percent from \$40.3 million in the same period a year earlier. Sales for the second quarter were \$1.37 billion, up 9.6 percent from

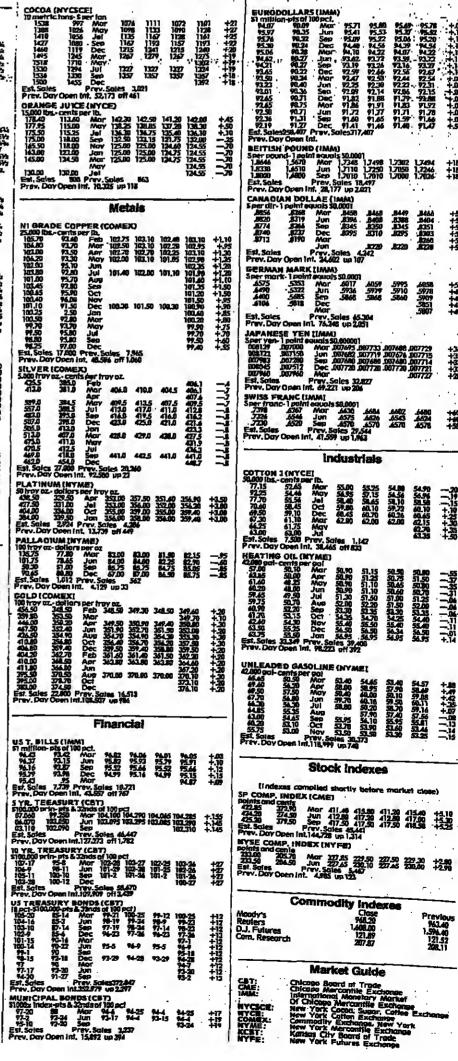
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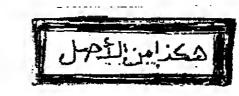
The earnings were in line with analysts' expectations, and Litton stock jumped \$2.375 to \$96.25 a share by the close on the New York Stock

Litton's industrial-automation and resources-exploration businesses posted improved operating profits, up more than 40 percent in both cases, but shipbuilding operating profit dropped slightly.

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Douglas has said that it was talking to other nations about taking an

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business. But on Tuesday, Mr. Hood said those countries might

end up taking part of the shares originally inteoded for Taipei. "We still do not know what the final deal will look like," Mr. Hood emerged as a far bigger threat to have expressed doubts about what deal passed with both sides saying

EC Fines Aer Lingus For Impeding Midland

BRUSSELS - The EC Commission fined Aer Lingus, the Irish state airline, nearly 750,000 European Currency Units (\$931,000) on Wednesday for trying to stop Brij-ish Midland Airways from breaking its virtual monopoly on flights between London and Dublin.

It was the first time that the commission fined an airline for refusing to cooperate with a rival so

BA and KLM Sue Sabena

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BRUSSELS — Sabena SA is being sued by British Airways PLC and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines over money invested in a planned alliance that was

scrapped over a year ago.
The British and Dutch carriers, now planning a link-up without Sabena, want to recov-er 2 hillion Belgian francs (\$58.6 million) they invested in Sabena under a planned alliance that was scrapped in 1990.

Sabena was due to repay the airlines by Dec. 31. A spokes-woman said Sabena was paying interest on the money. A BA spokesman said "discussions are taking place and as a prudent measure we have initiated legal proceedings in the Belgian law courts to protect our position."

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

PLANES:

Japan Says No

(Continued from first finance page)

jet carrying up to 800 passengers planned for service a decade from

now. British Acrospace also offered

seat regional airliner. Officials of

Japanese companies said Wednesday that both proposals remained vague, and any conclusion was at least six months off. "It's a ques-

tion of capital personnel resources and timing," a Kawasaki Heavy official said.

Analysts said the Japanese aero-space companies were keen to join

in projects with the Europeans, but

would proceed slowly and carefully

so as to avoid antagonizing both Washington and Boeing.

Japanese have agreed to seek per-

mission from Boeing before developing an aircraft with more than 100 seats, a spokesman for Mitsu-

bishi Heavy said. "Even if it's fewer

than 100 scats, we'd have to con-

David E. Sanger of The New York Times reported earlier from Singa-

Amid growing suspicions that Taiwan's effort to take a major

stake in McDonnell Douglas Corp.

it "might well turn out" that other Asian nations would infuse cash

into the company and take a role in manufacturing its planes, David E. Sanger of The New York Times

reported from Singapore.

The executive, Robert H. Hood

Jr., president of the corporation's

Douglas Aircraft Co. subsidiary,

ment, would raise the 52 billion

required for a 40 percent stake in the commercial aircraft maker.

the commercial aircraft maker.

Originally the deal was supposed to be sealed hy Jan. 31, but Mr. Hood said that it might not be completed until "sometime before the end of the year," far longer than company officials had previously indicated.

For several months, McDonnell

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Doing so will not be easy: the

that people with husiness class or other standard tickets could switch from one airline to another on a

"This decision is evidence of the commission's determination to act against airlines holding dominant positions if they attempt to prevent the development or maintenance of competition," said the EC competition commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan.

British Midland has been Aer Lingus's only rival on the London-to-Dublin route since British Airways stopped flying to Dublin for cost reasons last year.

Aer Lingus violated EC rules on fair competition by terminating decades of cooperation with British Midland when the private British airline started regular flights between London and Duhlin in 1989, commission officials said.

The commission could have fined Aer Lingus up to 10 percent said the fine was lenient because the case had set a precedent for the

The commission also ordered Aer Lingus to start a two-year "in-terlining" deal with British Midland so that passengers could use either airline's tickets to fly with the other and allowing travel agents to sell tickets that could be interchanged. Interlining is a standard but generally voluntary practice in

tionship with British Midland would be subject to review after the two-year period.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Family Reclaims Control Of Banco Espírito Santo

LISBON - The Espirito Santo family said Wednesday it had regained control of Banco Espírito Santo & Comercial de Lisboa, which was taken from it by the state after the 1974 leftist revolution.

"The Espirito Santo Group has the absolute control of BESCL," said

The group-controlled holding company, Bespart SA, and the insurance company it also controls, Tranquilidade SA, held 43 percent of the bank's voting stock after Tuesday's sale of the government's remaining 60 percent stake in the bank, which was nationalized in 1975.

Its French partner, Credit Agricole, now owns 10 percent, meaning the family controls 53 percent of the voting stock.

Mr. Espirito Santo Salgado said Bespart had spent 55 billion escudos (\$388 million) and Tranquilidade 10 billion escudos buying back the bank, Bespart holds 36.7 percent and Tranquilidade 6.3 percent, "We in the Espirito Santo Group feel great satisfaction at finally achieving the last and most important of the goals we set ourselves in 1975," said Antonio Ricciardi, president of the group's board.

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Very briefiy:

Akzo NV posted its first quarterly earnings rise after seven straight quarters of decline, but is remained cautious about the outlook for 1992; in the fourth quarter, oet profit rose to 161.2 million guilders (\$86.5 million) from 155.6 million, but annual earning fell 12.5 percent.

Société Nationale Elf Aquitaine is quitting exploration in the United States, Egypt, Spain, Brazil, Australia and China, its chairman said in an interview published in the financial daily Les Echos.

. Banco Santander SA said it was close to a deal to sell its Panamanian unit to Grupo Financiero del Istmo for about 8 billion pesetas (\$77

 Cap Gemini Sogeti and World Software Group, which is the main shareholder in the Dutch-based Volume Software, will form a new company called Newco.

 European Community inflation eased to 4.7 percent in January from 4.8 percent rate in December and 5.6 percent in January 1991.

 Norway will host talks between ministers of oil-producing and consuming countries in July, the second such meeting since a hesitant dialogue began last year between the traditionally opposed camps.

• Blohm & Voss AG, a shiphuilding and engineering subsidiary of Thyssen AG, said it had signed a cooperation accord with General Electric Co. of the United States.

Reuters, AFX, AFP, Bloomberg

BMW Shares Technology With Rolls

MUNICH — Bayerische Motoren Werke AG said Wednesday it had oo interest in acquiring Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Ltd., but was helping introduce new technology to the subsidiary of the British engineering group Vickers PLC.

Following a request from the British luxury carmaker, BMW sent a team of engineers to Rolls-Royce to help it with variety of technical matters, including electrical seat adjustments and electronic gearbox controls, sources at BMW said.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SHAREHOLDERS

Please take notice that the Annual General Assembly of Shareholders of Fidelity American Assets N.V. (the "Corporation") will take place at 2:00 p.m. at Schottegatweg-Oost 130, Curacao, Netherlands Aprilles, on March 17, 1992.

The following matters are on the agenda for this Assembly:

 Report of the Management 2. Election of the Managing Directors.

The Chairman of the Management proposes the re-election of all present Managing Directors: Edward C. Johnson 3d, Charles T.M. Collis, Charles A. Fraser, Jean Hamilius, H.F. van den Hoven and AMACO Holdings & Trust Company N.V., and the election of Mr. Barry

Ranification of the appointment by the Managing Directors of Mr. Jean Hamilius as a Managing

Director of the Corporation effective December 2, 1991. Approval of the balance sheet and profit-and-loss statement for the fiscal year ended November

Ratification of actions taken by the Managing Directors since the last Annual General Assembly of Shareholders, including declaration of an interim dividend in respect of the fiscal year ended November 30, 1991 and authorisation of the Managing Directors to declare additional dividends in respect of fiscal 1991 if necessary to enable the Fund to qualify for

distributor " status under United Kingdom tax law. Ratification of actions taken by the Investment Manager since the last Annual General

Assembly of Shareholders. Consideration of such other husiness as may properly come before the Assembly.

Approval of each item of the Agenda will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Assembly.

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Alternatively, holders of bearer shares wishing to exercise their rights personally at the Meeting may deposit their shares, or a certificate of deposit therefor, with the Corporation at Schottegarweg-Oost 130. Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, against receipt therefor, which receipt will entitle said bearer shareholder to exercise such rights.

P.O. Box HM 670

All proxies (and certificates of deposit issued to bearer shareholders) must be received by the Corporation not later than 1:00 p.m. oo March 17, 1992, in order to be voted at the Assembly.

BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT, CHARLES T.M. COLLIS, SECRETARY



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Australia: Spending to Save

Keating Plan Cuts Taxes, Aims to Draw Investment

CANBERRA — Australia's new prime minister, Paul Keating, announced Wednesday a package of economic changes and spending measures aimed at ending the country's recession and saving his political career by creating jobs, cutting taxes and boosting investment.

The plan would case restrictions on foreign banks and overseas investors. And in a bid to make the conotry more internationally competitive, it would further deregulate the aviation industry, and change the business tax and depreciation rules. Mr. Keating, who ousted Bob

Hawke last December, presented the most radical package of measures since the Labor government took office nine years ago. "Our program will do more than speed our recovery from re-cession," he told Parliament, "it

will build the Australia of the

The former Treasurer, battling with a popularity rating of only 32 percent, said the 2.3 billion Australian dollar (\$1.75 billion) program would create more than 800,000 jobs over four years, return the country to growth and keep inflation low.

Financial markets appeared

mimpressed, however, with the Australian dollar tumbling half a U.S. cent and bonds falling. The currency fell to 74.60 U.S. cents, from 75.10 before Mr. Keating's announcement, while 10-year bond fatures fell to 89.71 from 90.12. The stock market, which closed before the speech, was

slightly lower.
The major surprises in Mr. Keating's program were a onetime payment to all Australian families with children, to be given in April, coupled with a major tax revision that will stagger cuts in the personal tax rate for most Australians to no more than 30 percent in four years.

Mr. Keating, who said that the country had to boost demand in order to cut the 10.5 percent unemployment rate, forecast that the measures would push the 1992-93 budget deficit to 8 billion dollars, against the previous year's 6.8 billion dollars.

But he promised that inflation, now running at only 1.5 percent — one of the lowest rates in the world — would stay low at 3.5 percent in 1992-93, while eco-

nomic growth would leap to 4,75 percent to the same period, against zero growth in the current financial year,

The plan also gives foreign banks and overseas investors a freer hand. Foreign investors will be able to invest up to 50 million dollars at a time before coming under the scrutiny of the Foreign Investment Review Board more than 10 times the current exemption threshold.

The program abolishes the 50 percent local equity requirement for new miolog operations, promises more licenses for foreign banks and allows them to operate as branches. Offshore banking units are to be encouraged with a concessional tax rate of 10 percent from July 1.

The economie statement said the reduced tax rate for profits from offshore came as "such activity is likely to be shifted from Hong Kong to elsewhere in the Asia Pacific regioo." The decision is expected to strengthen the hands of Sydney and Melbourne in the race against Singapore to attract businesses fleeing Hong

(Rauers, AFP, Bloomberg)

Daimaru Cuts 200 Melbourne Jobs

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MELBOURNE - Six months after opening a showpiece department store here, the Japanese chain Daimaru has dismissed 15 percent of the workers at the store.

Daimaru said the layoffs of 200 of the 1,300 workers were required because the economy of the state of Victoria had not recovered as anticipated. But a union representing store workers said the company had simply miscalculated, hiring too many people.

The job cuts were announced on the eve of the economic statement by Prime Minister Paul Keating, aimed at reviving the Australian economy and creating job opportunities.

Daimaru was the first Japanese department store chain to open an outlet in Australia. The store is the centerpiece of a 1.2 billion Australian dollar (\$900 million) central Melbourne complex that opened in September. It was expected to be a

catalyst for the state's ailing retail sector, attracting an estimated 24.5 million shoppers per year. The secretary of the shop workers' union, Maurice Reed, rejected Daimaru's assertion that the slow economic recovery had forced the dismissals.

"Someone got things fundamentally wrong initially," he said. "The result is they find themselves" overstaffed to the extent of 200 to 300 people."

In radio interviews, some dismissed workers said that Daimaru appeared to bave selected the most experienced and best trained of the staff for retrenchment. But the company said the job cuts had been made across the board and at all levels.

They included 20 managers and 17 administration staff, said Brian Beirne, Daimaru general manager. "The recession we are in is deeper and broader than we anticipated and as a result opportunities in terms of sales haven't been as high as we thought they would be," be said.

End Mixed

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BELITNG — China and the United States offered widely differing views Wednesday on the outcome of trade talks here, with Beijiog noting progress but Washington denying headway was

The talks, which are to resume in early April, centered on U.S. demands for greater access to Chinese markets. They also came against the background of a U.S. debate over renewal of most-favored-oz-

tion trade status for Beijing.
The Hong Koog stock market was cheered, meanwhile, by news that the U.S. Senate had voted to impose stricter conditions on renewing most-favored-nation status for China but by a margin far short of the two-thirds majority needed to override President George

Bush's promised veto. The Hang Seng index finished at 4,794.71, up 34.51 points, or 0.72 percent, from 4,760.20 on Tuesday. Brokers said trading also was driven by recent signs that Beijing was taking a favorable view on adopting some elements of capitalism. A statement by the Foreign Trade Ministry said of the talks: Both sides elarified their own positions and made some progress on

certain specific questions." But the chief U.S. oegotiator, the assistant U.S. trade representative Joseph Massey, said: "I cannot report that there is any specific item of progress. I would say that we did clarify a number of points and issues, but I wouldn't say that there have been any breakthroughs yet."

Chinese that their most-favorednaooo status would be renewed despite the American debate. Echoing Mr. Bush's position, Mr. Massey said, "It is our inten-

tion to continue that cormal basis

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for a commercial relationship." Mr. Massey added that if China responded to U.S. demands then this would be a major step in its bid to join the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

China-U.S. Decline in Output Adds Trade Talks To Japan Economic Ills

the Japanese economy, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry reported Wednesday that industrial production in January fell 0.8 percent from the previous month and 4 percent from a year earlier, while yet decline in December. But on a another electronics concern, Mitsubishi Electric Corp., slashed its profit forecast.

The announcements came a day after the Economic Planning Agen-cy admitted in its moothly economreport that Japan's economic slowdown had "gained momen-

New Managers For Mitsubishi

Agence France-Presse TOKYO - Mitsubishi Corp. announced Wednesday its first big maoagemeon shake-up in five years, naming a new president with extensive experience to the United

States and Britain. The company said directors had decided to appoint its senior managing director. Minoru Makihara, lo replace the president, Shinroku Morobashi, in June. Mr. Morohashi

was appointed chairman to replace Yohei Mimura. Mr. Makihara, 61, has been president of Mitsubishi Interostional Corp. in New York for almost five years and has spent almost 20 years either working or sludying to the United States and Britain.

tum." The usually upbeat agency TOKYO-In more bad news for also avoided using the the word "expansion" in the report for the first time since September 1987.

The month-to-month fall in MI-TI's index of mining and manufac-turing was short of the 1,3 percent year-to-year basis, the contraction marked an acceleration from the previous month, when the index fell 1.9 percent.

Japan's industrial output has oow fallen for four months in a row, the longest period of uninter-rupted decline in nine years.

The ministry said production was forecast to decline further in February and March on a monthto-month basis, led by a 0.7 percent fall in manufacturing activity in January and a 1.3 percent decline in March.

Despite the latest figures, the Bank of Japan governor, Yasushi Mieno, reiterated Wednesday that there was currently oo need to implement a further cut in the central bank's discount rate to reverse the slowdown.

He said the economy was in an adjustment period "which is occessary for a shift to more balanced

growth." In yet another sign of the wide-ranging effects of the economic slowdown, Mitsubishi said it had slashed its forecast of pretax profit for the year ending March 31 to 90 billioo yen (\$690 million) from a previous forecast of 163 billion ven The revised forecast represents a \$5 percent decline from a year earber, said a company spokesman, who blamed weak demand for audiovisual and industrial products,

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Japan's Ministry of Finance said it would investigate sales of securities at above market prices, with the promise to repurchase them at the same price plus interest; three securities firms have acknowledged such deals. Asahi Glass Co. of Japan, one of the world's leading glassmakers, said group oet profit fell 20.6 percent to 37.7 billion yen (\$291.7 million) in

→ Drought will continue to burt Australia's sugar crop, cane growers said, forecasting production of 3.2 million tons in 1992-93.

• Victor Co. of Japan said it would launch in April a 82,800 yen player developed with Sega Enterprises Ltd., with sodio and visual compactdisk functions, including video games and karaoke performances.

 The Federal Aviation Anthority of the United States said its Singapor facility would inspect the airworthiness of U.S.-registered aircraft and monitor those who operate and maintain them.

• A meeting sponsored by the UN Development Program will open. Thursday in Seoul to discuss a development plan for the Tumen River. Delts in North Korea, China and Russia.

· Singapore's economic growth is expected to slow to an inflation: adjusted 5 to 7 percent this year because of weakness in overseas markets: " Toshiba Corp. said it was joining with Electron, the TV-maker based in

Lvov. Ukraine, to operate nine service centers in Ukraine and Russia. Japan has shelved a plan to propose that Shoko Chakin Bank be allowed. to enter the securities and trust-banking businesses through subsidiaries, e bank official said.

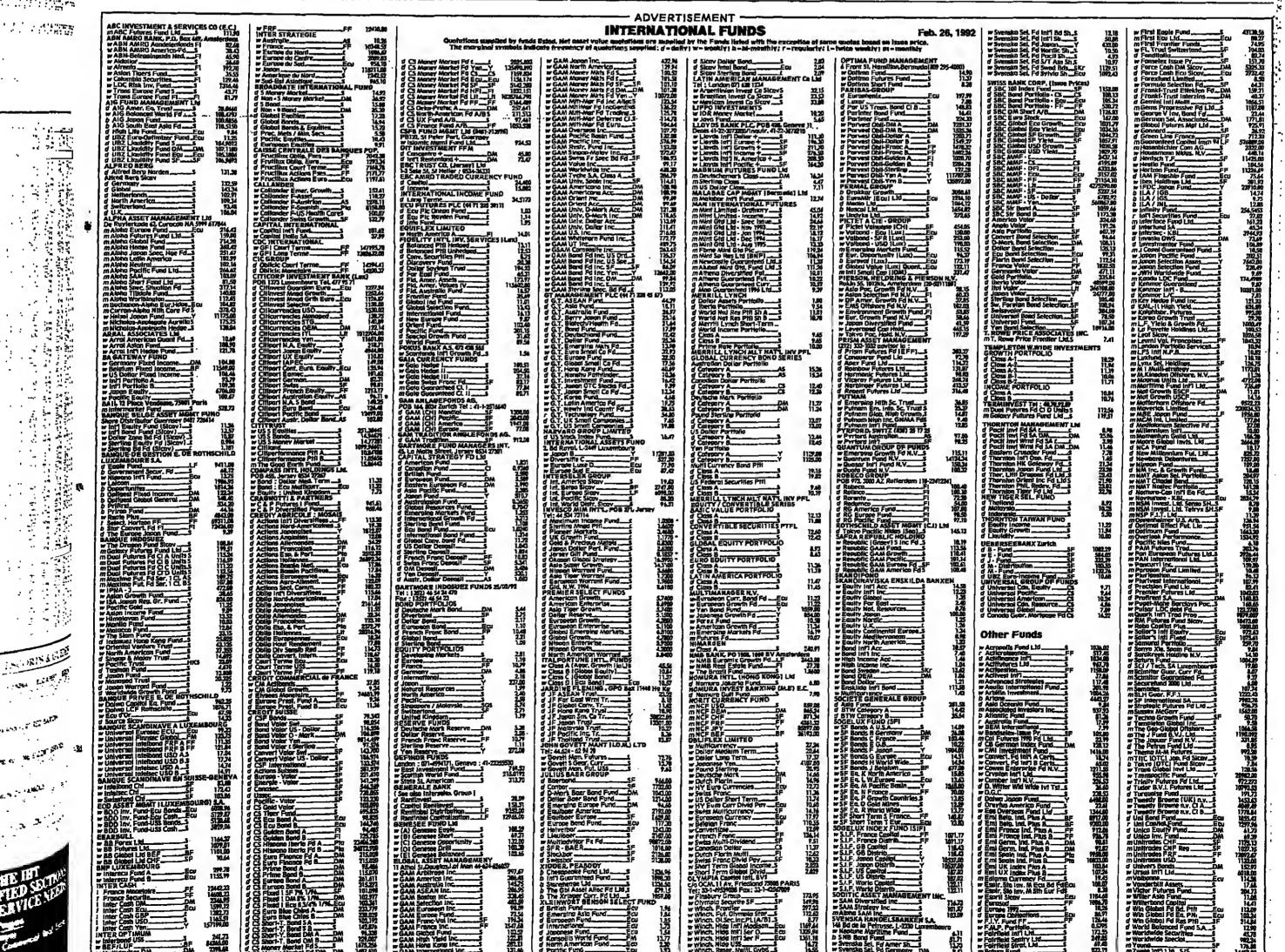
• Feeble growth in Hong Kong's labor force is likely to curb the economy in the cent few years, Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp. said.

Reckoning for India State Industries

NEW DELHI - Finance Minister Manmohan Singh yielded on Wednesday to opposition party protests and disclosed a letter he wrote to the World Bank outlining plans to shut down unviable state industries. Mr. Singh promised in the letter "formulate an action program to initiate restructuring and closure procedures for units in the public sector that are patently unviable by May 1992."

He said an average of 30 billion rupees (\$1.17 billion) in annual budget allocations had been provided to enterprises owned by the government. Despite that, 135 of the 244 companies posted losses in 1989-90.

Over the oext three years, the government will eliminate budgetary support for state enterprises that remain viable, the letter said.



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Nintendo Age of Tennis? Some See a Frankenstein

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - After a querulous semifinal outing recently in Chicago, where she later made history by securing her 158th title. Maruna Navratilova mused on the outbursts that tennis professionals often direct at the linesmen who

pass judgment on their shots.
"Until you have robots instead of players, these arguments are going to bappen. 'sbe said, shrugging, Actually, there's a more realistic technological innovation at band —one that could cause linesmen to go the way of the tennis white ball -and it's already pitting traditionalists against computer-pro-

grammed perfectionists. The alternate solution to playerlinesman flaps is one in which ro-hot surrogates don't hit the balls but do call the lines. The system made its debut in semisecrecy last week at the U.S. Pro Indoor in

Unbeknownst to most players and linesmen there, because it was huried beneath the Supreme court surface, the Sensor Courts system was tested by the ATP tour.

It was the first time that the invention, which uses a digital pattern recognition system to track the bounce of a ball, had been activat-

ed under tournament conditions. The dubious charms of Nintendo-style tennis, where the computer won't make a peep in the umpire's ear unless the player's shot is out of bounds, has arrived at a projected cost of approximately \$35,000 per court per event. According to the Sensor Courts brocbure, it even has the unofficial blessing of John McEnroe, an expert on linesmen's foibles.

That doesn't mean it will be seen again soon. The system may be ready, but as yet no other tournament has agreed to use it, the ATP's board has not approved it and the A men's four has vet to agree even ars rsde elof a comment in paussing

Irom regular usage.
In Philadelphia, linesmen and chair umpires made the calls, but behind the scenes, a computer was doing the same job. According to the computer, which supposedly is 99.9 percent correct, its human

with 92 to 93 percent of their calls - not bad for the naked eye.

According to one of the system's developers, Russ Kussack, as well as several umpires. Sensor Courts formed like a pro.

Unlike an Israeli system that ap-plies the technique of Scud missile tracking to tennis but isn't ready for the courts, this Florida-based version is installation-compatible with any bard court.

Unlike an Australian competitor that traces the lines of the court with an electromagnetic field and responds only to specially designed tennis balls. Sensor Courts uses normal balls.

"Just pop open a can and flip the switch," said Kussack. "Not one of the umpires has objected to it. They come down from the chair after a match and ask us bow they did."
Kussack was allowed to tout his product to the media, but players were forbidden by ATP Tour offi-cials in Philadelphia to observe the

system. The courtside monitoring of the line-calling device was car-ried out with such discretion that semifinalist Brad Gilbert said, "I thought the person with the beadphones in the front row was listening to tunes or something."
Gilbert was in favor of a switch

to computerized courts, so long as it can he done consistently and economically. But Pete Sampras, apparently a classicist in tennis philosopby as well as form, said that replacing linesmen represented too great a sacrifice.

"I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings," said Sampras, who did little more than raise his eyebrows over suspect calls in the course of winning in Philadelphia, "but I think you'd be giving up a human part of the game for accuracy that isn't really so much better than what we've already got, I don't mind that every call isn't perfect. And I don't know what it would be like to watch John McEnroe on a cc. 7 with no linespeople. You

can't argue with a machine." Also, any such computerized system can, as of now, be installed only on hard courts and Supreme. Clay and grass aren't conducive to being pinned down by computer technology.

asked to play the inturistic way one week and the old-fashioned way the next

Dana Loconto, an ATP umpire. is no stranger to innovations. His hand-held computer scorecard. a creation that allows umpires to get rid of their pencils and erasers, will be de riguer on the tour after its formal introduction next month in Key Biscayne, Florida.

Loconto liked Sensor Courts, but he envisioned an obvious drawback: With no linesmen to berate, players will vent their rage on the umpire. "It's accurate, but it ain't bu-

man," said Loconto, "and we've got to assess what it will do to the game as we've known it. And how expensive is it, and how will it affect the linespeople if they only work the grass and clay circuit will they be less sharp because they have less work?" Kussack admitted, "Maybe Γm optimistie." But be added, "I

would say the reality of eliminating linespeople is just two to three The next test of Sensor Courts. and its peers, will be whether the game of tennis is so broken that it

takes a computer to fix it. Ninety-



three percent accuracy is no glitch. Jim Abbott, a bored Angel now, will win the Cy Young award.

Légion d'Honneur for Killy

PARIS — Jean-Claude Killy, the inspiration behind the Winter Olympics in Albertville, will receive France's highest honor along with the country's three gold medalists, the government's minister of culture and communications, Jack Lang, said Wednesday.

Killy, the former skiing enampion and who was co-organizer of the Games, and the gold medalists will receive the Legion d'honneur. France's five silver medalists will become officers of the national

Killy's co-organizer, Michel Barnier, is ineligible for an honor because he is a member of parliament. Lang said

The opening and closing ceremonies were the higgest hits for French television channels, the rating firm Mediametral tep-ried.

It said 12.5 million people 6 and older - one-fourth of the national total - watched the opening ceremony. That constituted a record 75 percent share of all those watching TV at the time. The closing ceremonies attracted an estimated 16 million viewers, a 70 percent share; in contrast, the prime time broadcast of the women's figure skating finals got 61.5 percent. (Reuters, AP)

Title Beckoning, Tomba Speeds Up

The Associated Press MILAN — Following a family "summit," triple Olympic champi-on Alberto Tomba has decided to compete in Sunday's super-giant slalom in Morioka, Japan, to keep alive his chances of winning the World Cup overall title.

Depending on how he does in Sunday's race. Tomba will decide whether to enter the next super-G in P. . . Canad his ages

Tomba's parents have opposed his competing in speed races - and be did not enter any in the last three seasons - after he broke a collar bone in a spill in a super-G in Val D'Isère, France,

Pssst! 12 Sure Things! Honest! '92 Baseball Season Revealed

By Thomas Boswell

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Baseball isn't the game of surprises. In the last 15 years it has become the sport of incredulous shock. So each spring, we make brave little prophecies and each year they look patheti-

cally timid in hindsight.

To be in tune with baseball, you have to predict that old Nolan Ryan will pitch seven no-hitters or that Cecil Fielder will return from Japan to hit 51 home runs. You have to think a rookie like Mark McGwire will hit 49 homers or that last-place Atlanta and Minnesota will meet in the World Series.

If you think small, you're not in the game. That's why baseball fans have to spend Febroary getting their brains in shape. Pitchers and catch-

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ers report early, but so do we. So, for us. February is full of sunshine, even on the dreary days. We can comb "The Elias Analyst," "The Great American Baseball Stat Book" and "The Scouting Report." The mountains of statistics that inundate baseball during the season are 99 percent junk food. But the stuff that's out now, summarizing the entire previous season, is filet mignon. Finally we have the data to think for ourselves—or to mislead ourselves more spectacularly. So, to kick off the season, 12 ridiculous predictions that have sane bases in fact.

• Either Albert Belle or Kevin Mitchell will hit 50

Belle had 28 homers in 461 at-bats last year — only eight in Cleveland's vast park. Now the Indians have moved the fences in to normal depth. If Belle has 600 at-bats, watch out.

Mitcbell had 27 homers in 371 at-bats last year, 18 of them on the road. Candlestick Park, with its left-to-

right gales, killed him. In Seattle's tiny Kingdome, he'll do the killing.

• Jim Abbott will win the Cy Young Award.

Abbott finished 1991 on an 18-7 run. It seems be can learn to do anything. Told he couldn't field, he led the league in chances. Told he couldn't hold runners, he had one of the better marks against thieves (14 of 26 failed). His remaining flaw is that lefties hit him 50 points better than righties. He'll dope that out, too.

• The Twins and Braves are history.

Without Jack Morris, Minnesota has no ace and will finish under .500. Scott Erickson, who got buge run support, ended 1991 with a sore elbow. Poor starting pitching equals no magic chemistry. Only new left fielder Pedro Munoz will shine.

A TLANTA GOT six career years, including those of Cy Young winner Tom Glavine and most valuab. Hayer Terr Pendleton — who will fade badiy, S. J.sh. injury - rone David Justice can't c. 1 a team. Still, someday soon, with Chipper Jones at shortstop, slugger Ryan Klesko and reliever Mark Wohlers, the Braves will win a Series.

 Frank Thomas of the Chicago White Sox, already the best hitter in baseball after one full season, will prove he's the first player worthy of comparison to the young Ted Williams, Thomas, 23, saw more pitches

(3,015) than any batter last year. He mashes the ball to all fields - 28 percent to left, 35 to center, 37 to right. He's a monster in his home park, slugging .708 at home and .411 on the road; he's hitting .376 against left-handers. What if he starts to hit well against righties on the road?

 Ruben Sierra will make everybody realize he's the reincarnation of Roberto Clemente - except Sierra's a much better hitter. Over the past five years, the overlooked Ranger is baseball's best in extra-base hits and second in runs batted in and total bases. Sierra, 26, is six months older than the more praised Justice yet has 993 hits to his 245 and 586 RBIs to Justice's 168. We may be talking about a switch-hitting all-time

great hidden deep in the beart of Texas.

• Either Cleveland or Baltimore, the worst teams in the American League, will battle for the East flag. The Indians, the worst hitting team of '91, could contend because of their hitting, and the Oriules, the worst pitching team of '91, because of their pitching.

Cleveland's infant infield of Reggie Jefferson, Car-los Baerga, Mark Lewis and Jim Thome is a kind of around-the-horn consensus of hot prospects. Baerga will be a sensation. Catcher Sandy Alomar? Comeback player of the year.

THE ORIOLES' pitching could explode, either way.

Mike Mussina will be the Steve Avery of '92. If Ben
McDonald stops wimping out and pitches inside to
righties (who hit .313 against him), he alone will transform the team. A contender will steal the secret relief star, Todd Frohwirth, and have an instant stopper.

 Steve Sax, playing in the middle of a dazzling White Sox lineup that includes Thomas, Tim Raines. Robin Ventura and Carlton Fisk, will get 200 hits. putting him on the verge of 2,000 at age 32. This guy may be headed for 3,000 hits and 600 steals lifetime.

· Dave Stewart won't win 10 games and the Oakland Athletics will disappear. Stewart was the least effective starter in baseball last season (a 5.18 earned-run average). He linished 11-11 because be had more run support than any other pitcher. Not this time.

 The Kansas City Royals are a ruined franchise. It's been 30 years since a team lost its home run and runs-batted-in leader and its victory and earned-rin leader between seasons. Cleveland did it in 1960 and hasn't resurfaced since. Now the Royals are minus Danny Tartabull and Bret Saberhagen.

 But Wally Joyner, a new Royai, will win the batting title, Joyner, a made-to-order stashing turf hitter, has always hated the grass and tight corners of Anaheim; as a California Angel he hit, 303 on the road and 273 at home, 302 on turf and 264 on grass. Last year, he hit .301 despite his home-park disadvantage.

 Baseball, which produced few great new players from '70 through '81, will continue a 10-year trend of introducing more young stars than fans have time to digest. This season Ivan Franguez and Phil Plantier will join Travis Fryman and Juan Gonzalez in the annual premature bronze-bust competition.

◆ Last season, five teams lost 90 games: the New York Yankees, Baltimore, Cleveland, Montreal and Houston. Montreal or Houston will be in the World Series against the White Sox, who will win on back-toback no-hitters by Wilson Alvarez and Alex Fernandez.

BOOKS

STORIES

By William Maxwell, 117 pages. \$18. Alfred A. Knopf Inc., 201 East 50th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

T HOUGH William Maxwell's latest book, "Billie Dyer and Other Stories." reads like fiction, it is actually a series of interlinked autobiographical musings, enlivened by the author's use of imaginative sympathy and projection.

It is a technique already used to pow-erful effect by Maxwell in "So Long, See You Tomorrow" (1980) and "Ancestors:

a Family History" (1971). The essential facts and emotional touchstones of Maxwell's life that are presented in "Billie Dyer" will also be familiar to followers of his earlier work. Once again we are introduced to a version of his earlier self, a lonely, introspective boy who loses his mother at the age of 10 and who must learn to cope with his father's decision to remarry and move to Chicago. Again we listen as he tries. years later, to come to terms with the sins committed in his youth. Again we are drawn into the world of a small. Midwestern town in the early years of this

As depicted in "Billie Dyer." Lincoln. llimois, emerges as one of those small towns where everyone knows everyone

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BILLIE DYER AND OTHER church they attend, where young boys aspire to become Eagle Scouts.

but know Europe only through the curios collected in their living-room cabinets. "Until the elm blight reduced it in a

writes of Lincoln, "it was a pretty lateof 12,000 inhabitants. It had coal mines but no factories of any size." "'Downtown' was, and still is, the

courthouse square and stores that after a

with drama, crisis and everyday sadness and grief. He recounts how his Uncle Ted, the black sheep of the family, who forged checks from family members, lost his arm in a car accident, lost all his money in a rental library scheme and ended his days impoverished.

amoutated after the family doctor woman he ever loved. Vera Brown, has fifth-grade teacher, who died at the age of 23 from tuberculosis.

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few months to nakedness." Maxwell

block or two in every direction give way to grass and houses. Which in turn give way to dark green or yellowing fields that stretch all the way to the edge of the sky. Though life in Lincoln might appear quiet and uneventful to the outsider. Maxwell reveals just how fraught it was

He tells how his older brother, Hap, a fearless, rambunetious child, had his leg botched a simple operation to set a broken bone. And he introduces the first

Maxwell writes as both the young boy. who saw the town of Lincoln as "the else, where people are known by the Earthly Paradise, the apple that Eve pre-

vailed upon Adam to eat being as yet an abstraction, and therefore to all intents

"The view after 70 is breathtaking," he writes. "What is lacking is someone, anyone, of the older generation to whom you can turn when you want to satisfy curiosity about some detail of the landscape of the past. There is no longer any older generation. You have become it. while your mind was mostly on other matters.

If "Billie Dyer and Other Stories" is Chekhovian in tone, bowever, it is Proustian in method, circling around and around incidents in the past, amplifying them with imagined details and retrospective meditations. As a result, the book opens out to become an elegy for lost youth and a vanished America while at the same time remaining grounded in the specifics of a time and place.

So gracefully and intelligently does Maxwell write that the reader ooesn't really mind that this volume is a variation worked on autobiographical material that's been orchestrated before. To the newcomer, "Billie Dyer" serves as an eloquent introduction to this gifted writer's work. To his longuine followers, it is a deft and moving reprise.

Michiko Kakutani is on the staff of Tee

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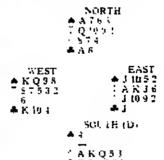
BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

E VERY beginner learns, or should learn, a simple rule: As declarer in a trump contract look for an opportunity to rulf something in the dummy. But the chance may be very hard to spot, as was the case on the diagramed deal from a rubber bridge game.

The bidding followed a sensible track to five clubs, on hands that would make six clubs on a good day. In a slam South would have no choice. He would cash the club ace and continue with the six, hoping for a favorable trump situation combined with a normal diamond split. This might seem the right play in five clubs, but it was not. The declarer was Paul Orlet of Kansas City, Missouri, and he demonstrated that the right play is to test diamonds before touching trumps.

He won the opening spade lead with the ace, and played two top diamonds. If these had lived be would have worked on trumps, but as it was, West ruffed the second round and continued with the spade queen. Now South was able to ruff, cash the club ace and revert to diamonds. West scored his trump winner whenever he chose, but the club six was available to ruff the fourth round of diamonds and establish the fifth.

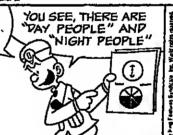


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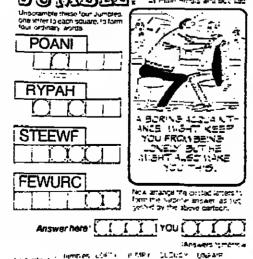




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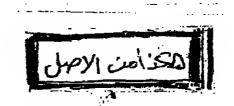
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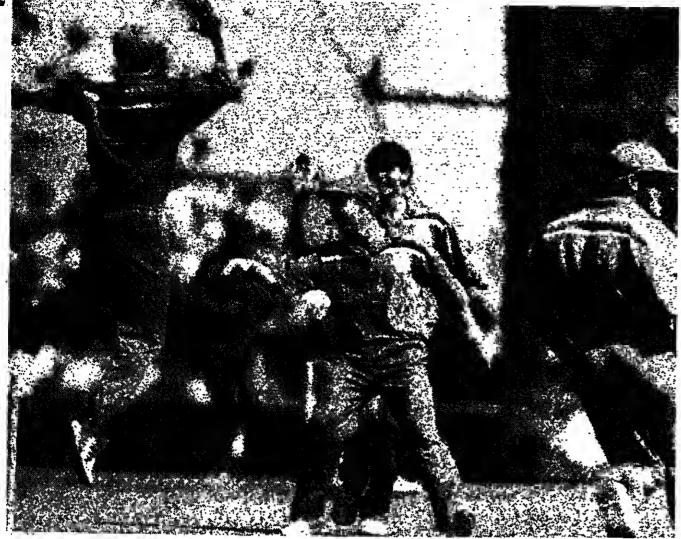
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INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1992

SPORTS



The South Africans began their celebration when opener David Boon was run out for 27; it would prove to be Australia's top score.

to qualify for next month's semifinals of the nine-nation tournament.

South Africa, Back With a Bang, **Stumps Defending Champions**

SYDNEY - South Africa made a stunning return to the grand stage of international cricket Wednesday night, defeating defending champi-

on Australia by nine wickets in a World Cup match.

Chasing Australia's meager total of 170 for nine in 49 overs, with one batsman retired burt, South Africa made 171 for one to cruise to victory with 13 balls to spare.

Captain Kepler Wessels was named man-of-the-match after scoring an unbeaten 81 against the team he used to play test cricket for. "It was a fantastic job by them, especially after the start we got," said Australia's captain, Allan Bor-der, "It was an all-round effort in

the fielding, bowling and batting they were spot on. Wessels, in a cautionary note, responded that "one win does not make a World Cup and we've got to

win a lot more games." His innings included nine sparkling fours, while Peter Kirsten fin-

ished on 49 not out and Andrew Hudson made 28. It was the first time in three years that Australia had lost two consec-

utive one-day games. Coming on the heels of the loss Saturday to New Zealand in the tournament opener, the defeat put the champions in a tough position

tional cricket only late last year, after a 21-year absence because of its policy of apartheid, and did not play in the four previous World Cup tournaments. A number of South Africans

South Africa returned to interna-

flags were waved vigorously throughout the match, and the first South African team to play in Australia for 28 years was given a warm welcome by the crowd, which cheered its appearance but grew progressively quieter as the South Africans took control.

In a further blow to Australia, wicketkeeper lan Healy tore a hamstring while batting. He was replaced by David Boon behind the

Healy is the only full-fledged wicketkeeper on the 14-man squad. so the Australians will be severely handicapped if he does not recover in time for the next match against lodia in Brisbane on Sunday.

Uoder World Cup rules, teams may replace members of their squads only in exceptional circum-

stances, and it was uncertain if Healy's injury would qualify. Boon and Steve Waugh were the high scorers for Australia with 27 each while fast bowler Allan Donald took three wickets and medium-pacers Brian McMillan and Adrian Kuiper had two each for the

South Africans. Donald and Riehard Snell put has assumed more significance in surgery.

the South Africans into a winning the absence of the injured Waqar position. Donald took three wickets for 34 from 10 fiery overs, while weekend's 10-wicket drubbing by Snell conceded only 15 runs from nine compact overs.

a labored 25 and Dean Jones a erful challenge to regain the tropby subdued 24.

Part-time medium-pacer Adrian uiper dismissed Marsh and Border with successive balls.

positions set by Wessels. The South Africa-Australia

match was the only one played Wednesday, but two are to be played Thursday. Two-time champion West Indies faces England at the Melbourne

Cricket Ground in a matchup between teams with 1-0 records, and Pakistan and Zimbabwe, both 0-1. face each other in Hobart. Sri Lanka, plagued by injuries and with a 1-1 record, faces India,

which is 0-1, in the north Queensland town of Mackay on Friday. Thursday for Pakistan, but the inspirational captain and all-rounder, who has been receiving daily

treatment for his injured right shoulder, may not be able to bowl. imran, whose role as a bowler

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the West Indies. ne compact overs.

The West Indians were bubbling
Border was dismissed for a first
with confidence Wednesday and ball duck, while Geoff Marsh made convinced they will mount a pow-

they won in 1973 and 1978. Although the team bas an overall limited-overs record of 144-60-4, it has slumped in recent months. But, Australia failed to hit a boundary between the 15th and 37th overs and appeared reluctant to hit overs the top, despite attacking field of the top despite attacking field to lose too many games."

The English have decided againsı risking key batsman Allan Lamb in Thursday's match. Lamb has been sidelined for more than two weeks with a hamstring injury. The team's coach, Mickey Stewart. said Wednesday that it was pointless to gamble on further injuring the South African-born run-maker.

Stewart said it was hoped that Lamb could return to action for Sunday's game against Pakistan.

The injuries to two key players, Athula Samarasekera and Rumesh Imran Khan was expected back Ratnayake, have forced Sri Lanka hursday for Pakistan, but the inment, its captain, Aravinda de Silva, said Wednesday,

De Silva said be had not decided on a replacement for Ratnayake.

Pitt Hope Rallies NBA's Golden State: No Flash in the Pan **Against U Conn**

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — A few weeks ago, the game figured to affect the Big East Conference

now tied for the second-division lead. That's what losing six of seven games did to Connecticut, what losing four of five did to Pittsburgh. But Pitt (16-12, 8-7) was again talking up the National Collegists & thesis a American National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament after an 86-77 victory Tuesday over No. 24 Connecticut (17-7, 8-7). A loss to Connecticut, which had beaten them five straight times, might have shifted the Panthers' focus from the NCAA to the National Invitation Tournament. "All we're focused on right now is the NCAA," said Darren Morningstar, who scored

19 points. "We know what we have to do." Pitt's Chris McNeal had 23 points and 12 rebounds in his best game in weeks. Connecti-cut, which has skidded from 16-1 to 17-7 in just three weeks, got only five points from its top scorer, Chris Smith.

No. 22 Syracuse 76, Boston College 70: In Syracuse, New York, Lawrence Moten and Adriшу, рош ж the Orangemen end a four-game losing streak.

Moten scored 18 points and Autry 14 as Syracuse (17-7, 9-6) overcame an 11-point half-time deficit for its 16th victory over Boston College (15-9, 7-8) in the last 17 meetings.

Pistons Finally Beat Bulls

Winless eight times against Chicago since last April 12, Detroit edged the Bulls, 108-106, as Joe Dumars scored 28 points, Isiah Thomas had 24 points and 13 assists and Dennis Rodman had 20 rebounds, helping the Pistons to a 46-35 advantage on the boards, The Associated Press reported Tuesday from Auburn Hills, Michigan.

By Anthony Cotton

WASHINGTON - At first glance, the inclination is to dismiss the Golden State Warriors as one of the latest sports fads, kind of like Andre Agassi and the Buffalo Bills - sure, they're fun to watch, but will they ever win the

Although Chicago showed last year that a National Basketball Association championship can be won without a dominant center, the Bulls also probably didn't see as many running one-handers or forced one-on-three fast breaks in all of their championship season as the Warriors are likely to put up in a single game.

Besides, Chicago did have proven veteran

and once upon-a-time 20-point scorer Bill Cartwright in the middle. The Warriors' pivol tandem, Tyrone Hill and rookie Victor Alexander, have a total of 74 career starts, with the girth of Alexander the only apt comparison to So how is it that Golden State, oot Portland

or Utah or San Antônio, has sat atop the Western Conference standings for most of the season? And why is it that, since the All-Star Game, in which Don Nelson coached the West equad to an easy victory, the Warriors have been a perfect 8-0?

Whatever, with the second-best road record in the league, more and more people are start-ing to believe the Warriors may actually find their way into the NBA finals come June. "Lots of teams haven't made it to the finals

but they're certainly capable," said Mark Jack-son a guard for the Knicks, after a recent Golden State victory in New York, "It's just that they're different, and they like being differcat. The game can get ugly when you play

Most college coaches cringe at what they perceive to be the lack of control and discipline

in the pro game; the Warriors' philosophy is so different from the NBA norm that the league's coaches sometimes look askance. While cer-tainly not as helter-skelter as the ill-fated runand-gun system used by Denver last season, in which it seemed the Nuggets allowed opponents to score just to get the basketball back, everything Golden State does is predicated on putting the ball in the hands of its scorers.

On defense that means using pressure and traps to rev up the pace of the game. This year the Warriors lead the league by forcing an average of 19 turnovers per game, but even a basket by an opponent is likely to start a fast break. Once the ball is in their hands, almost anything goes. A 3-point shot with 20 seconds left on the shot clock? Okay. Ten straight possessions without a pass inside the lane? No

It's easy to see why the Warriors are so intent on driving the ball down their foes' throats. Forward Chris Mullin is fourth in the league in scoring, at 27 points per game, while fellow All-Star Tim Hardaway, the latest NBA player of the week, is ninth at 23.4.

Sitting in 11th place is guard Mitch Richmond, who was scoring his 22.2 points for Golden State until a November trade to Sacramento. Many thought that deal would slow the Warriors, but with sixth man Sarunas Marciulionis averaging more than 18 points and rookie Billy Owens, acquired in the Richmond trade, adding 13, the Warriors still lead the NBA in scoring at 119 a game.

"We certainly have to win on the offensive end," said Nelson, "We're not terrible on defense, but if we bad to make our living there we wouldn't win many games. We don't have a shot blocker and we're not the fastest or quickest team, and at the end of games we have to save more of our energy for offense, which isn't the traditional way of doing things."

It's fitting that Nelsoo is the leader of this motley crew. Although he's won 701 games, just seven away from eighth place on the league's all-time list, and is one of only five coaches in NBA history — with Red Auerbach, Pat Riley, K.C. Jones and Billy Cunningham — to be more than 200 games over 500, Nelson has a reputation as a "gimmick" coach, whose isolations on offense and disguised zone defenses can cause havoc during the regular season but are easily solved in the playoffs.

After just missing out on the finals with some stellar Milwaukee Bucks teams a decade ago, in recent years Nelson almost became as renowned for wearing and giving out anto-graphed fish ties and putting adhesive tape over the brand name of the athletic shoes he wore during games as he was for his coaching.

In a sense, Nelson has been shunted aside in the eyes of the public. The Knicks' coach, Pal Riley, serves as the sideline's matinee interest and Detroit's Chuck Daly draws the acclaim as the great motivator. Not so coincidentally, both have won more than one championship, which is why each was higher on the list (along with the Clippers' new coach, Larry Brown, who led Kansas to the 1988 NCAA title) than Nelson affiliation as player and coach. when it came to choosing the coach for the 1992 Olympic Games. It was an honor that Nelson acknowledged he coveted.

"Nellie is a championship coach who simply hasn't yet won a championship," said Riley.
"To do it ynu've gol to have the horses. The only time he had a legitimate chance was with the Bucks and that was when Boston and L.A. were at their peaks and they didn't quite get it done. You also have to be fortunate. I was in Los Angeles, K.C. was in Boston, Bill Fitch was with the Celtics. You only get so many

But this may yet prove to be a breakthrough year for Nelson. His spot as all-star coach

Don Nelson 'is a championship coach who simply hasn't yet won a championship. To do it you've got to have the horses.' Pat Riley, coach of the



marked his first participation in the contest in a 30-year (and league record 2,490-game) NBA

New York Knicks

And, although the pet pig he recently purchased — and had to give away by order of the local department of health — may suggest otherwise, Nelson has shed most of the eccentricities that had threateoed to overshadow his coaching ability.

"I've changed some — I hope we all change some — but not too much," he said. "I still want to win the championship. I have that drive within me to win it —it's certainly more importanl to me than it is to anyone who talks about why I haven't won it -- but I don't think there's

a lot more that I could do than what I've Coaching is kind of like golf. The harder

SIDELINES

al membership at its meeting March 7.

matches in Romania and Italy in May-June.

Summer Olympics in Barcelona.

you try to succeed at it the worse you're likely to get. It's a fine line between overcoaching and step over it.

Nelson insists that this year's team is better than last season's, but the Warriors know that to advance further they need more of an inside presence.

Said Hardaway: "We believe in ourselves," not what other people say about us. But down the line we will need a big man. We'll hit a wall: you can't be fighting off Patrick Ewing and David Robinson and Hakeem Olajuwon every night, you need a big man to belp keep it even.

"But it's fun doing it the way we do it. Guys on other teams are always telling us how much they wished they could play with us."

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ey Leogue.

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signed Patrick Sundstrom and Alexander Se-mak, centers, to Utica.

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For the Record

Manchester's bid to host the 2000 Summer Olympics will get government backing with a £55 million (\$96 million) grant, Prime Minister John Major said Wednesday.

(Reuters) Mike Tyson's sentencing on rape and related charges will take place March 26, a day earlier than originally set, the Marion County, Indiana,

IAAF Expected to Admit South Africa

JOHANNESBURG (AP) - South Africa is welcome to return to

world track and field competition, Lamine Diack of Senegal, a vice

president of the International Amateur Athletics Federation, said

Wednesday. He indicated that the LAAF will give South Africa provision-

His announcement came as time was running out for South Africa.

In Cape Town, it was announced that the national rugby team will play

which needed IAAF approval, to send a track and field team to the

prosecutor's office said. Bjorn Borg beat John Lloyd, 6-4, 6-3, in an exhibition Tuesday night in Los Angeles in the five-time Wimbledon champion's first match since

being routed in a comeback attempt last April. Fay Vincent, the commissioner of major league baseball, said a meeting with Daniel McCarthy, the would-be managing partner of the New York

Yankees, had been set for Thursday afternoon. Greg Norman, the Australian golfer, said Tuesday he has undergone arthroscopic surgery oo his left knee and likely would miss at least next

week's PGA tournament. Kareem Adbul-Jabbar, 44, who had contemplated an NBA comeback to aid AIDS research because of Magic Johnson, said "I'm dismissing that as a possibility because people had questioned his motive. (AP)

John Hebbes, 20, a student at Oxford, collapsed and died during
training for this year's Oxford-Cambridge boat race. (Reuters)

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A White House Slugger

WASHINGTON — It is generally agreed among political experts that Pat Buchanan is the pit hull of the 1992 elections

People did not take him seriously until New Hampshire. Now there is tremendous con-

cern. Suchanan is a street fighter and has spent his life using his fists to get ahead. Washington is that if be becomes president

his temper will Let's fast-forward to 1993. Buchanan bas Office into a

turned the Oval Buchwald "Mr. President, you're having

dinner this evening with the prime minister of Japan. Buchanan hits his punching hag.
"I can take him in one round."

'Please don't sock him, Mr. President. We're still suffering from the fallout when you drove

Germany to Get Church Treasure

ALLAS As agreement was D finally signed to return the priceless artifacts brought home af-ter World War II by a U. S. soldier

to the German church in Ouedlinburg that owned them. The soldier's heirs will be paid less than \$1 million for returning the relics and a lawsuit agains them will be dropped, said their lawyer, Randal Mathis.

he art, made of gold, silver, ivory and crystal, was crafted from the 8th to the 16th centuries.

Former U.S. Army Lieutenant Joe T. Meador apparently took the relics in 1945 from a mine shaft where they had been hidden during the war. His brother, Jack Meador, and sister, Jane Meador Cook, inherited them when Meador died in

The art treasures surfaced in 1990. The Lutheran Church of Quedlinburg, in eastern Germany, sued to have them returned. The Dallas Museum of Art has had custody of the art while the dispute is resolved. It is to be displayed there before it is returned to Germany.

your list into President Mitter-

rand's stomach in Brussels."

"Well, he shouldn't have said that the American dollar was the sick lady of Europe."

"He didn't say that. He said that the ties between France and the United States are as strong now as they were when Lafayette came to

"He said that, but he was thinking about the dollar. Besides 1 hardly knocked the wind out of him. It was a love tap."

"Mr. President, you're going to have to stop slugging everyone who comes into the White House." "Including the Republicans who

"Well, what you're doing doesn't look good. Here is a headline in People magazine: President Decks Prince Charles at British Emhassy Garden Party."

Buchanan says, "I couldn't stand his bloody accent."
O.K. on Charles, but why did you have to kick Yeltsin in the

shins? It has caused an internation-

"He said that we were too slow and too late in delivering relief to the Russian people, and he kept grinning when be said it."

"Mr. President, you probably have good reason for beating up on everyone, but there are other ways of handling world situations."

"I promised to bring America back to the people, and the only way I know how is with my knuckles. Now what about the Japanese prime minister? Does the CIA have any information on whether he has a black belt in karate or not? You have to be careful of the little guys at state dinners, because they'll butt you with their heads. I learned that when Yitzhak Shamir was here last week.

"Mr. President, why not just have a quiet state dinner and exchange toasts of friendship and understanding?

"What the bell good will that

"It will get you off the front pages for one thing. Also, it will som that you can run the country without getting into a fight." "Maybe, but if he says one word

about the quality of American cars, he's getting it in the choppers." "No wonder the public calls you The White Hope.

Clayborne Carson and the King Papers

By Carla Hall

Washington Post Service

DALO ALTO, Californa — When he was 13 years old, Martin Luther King Jr. stunned his Sunday school class by denying the resurrection of Jesus. In less than a decade, though, he would wrestle with his misgivings about religion and finally answer an inexorable call to the ministry, following a path paved by generations of family members. He was, after all, the son and grandson of

Baptist ministers.

For Clayborne Carson, there was never a calling to be editor of King's papers. Just a call, late one night. It was from Coretta Scott King.

At first Carson turned her down. A Stanford University professor of history whose field is civil rights, Carson would have been happy just to write books and teach But

would have been happy just to write books and teach. But eventually he would feel compelled to take on a project that may last the rest of his professional life.

"It was a job you couldn't say no to." says Carson.
After nearly seven years as director and senior editor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Papers Project, Carson and his "Called to Serve," which covers King's life to the age of 22 (1929-51) and highlights his decision to enter the ministry.

Thirteen more volumes are expected. "I just hope I can get it done before I retire," Carson says with a rueful chuckle. He'ce 47

Before be could even finish the first volume, he had already tackled one high-profile crisis -- revelations that King plagiarized passages in his doctoral dissertation. And there is always the possibility of more controversy in the years ahead. What if there are letters and papers

dealing with King's alleged extramarital affairs?
"I won't know until I get there," says Carson, "when I run across a document that mentions it. When we are ready to publish something, we will publish it. It doesn't do anyone any good to announce it or release documents ahead of time

The project has taken over a low-slung little tract house of an office building, a mere hlip on the landscape of Stanford's lush and lofty campus. From his book-lined office inside, Carson is at once administrator, spokesman fund-raiser, smoother of ruffled feathers. And hopeful procurer of documents from people who don't want to

"Like the Abernathys. I've still not been able to get those," he says of letters and documents held by the family of the late Ralph Abernathy, King's closest lieutenant and, Carson believes, his closest friend.

What you would not call Carson is keeper of the flame.

As a young man he had indeed admired King — but from the distance of a generation. As a history scholar specializing in civil rights, he had studied the movement and analyzed its players - but he wrote his Ph.D. thesis on the brash Stokely Carmichael and his Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which was quite critical of King.
And even after Carson had taken this job and begun

collecting King's papers, he wrote with a certain detachment in a 1990 collection of essays, "If King had never lived, the black struggle would have followed a course of development similar to the one it did." Carson marvels that Coretta Scott King was brave

enough to relinquish control over what gets published about her husband to anyone, let alone a seemingly



Stanford historian Carson stumbled on plagiarism.

"She could have simply hired somebody to come to the King Center [in Atlanta] and work directly under her supervision. I don't think most people on the outside would have begrudged her that," Carson says. "When I compare my situation to the situation of those who are custodians of the presidential papers and the amount of freedom that I have compared with the restrictions that are on them, I think it's a remarkable statement in favor of

He acknowledges the awesomeness of the King legend:
"I don't think anyone symbolized the black struggle of the '50s and '60s better than King."

But Carson doesn't bend and twist under the weight of that legend. He is no prisoner of any emotional obsession with King. He does not believe in singling out great figures to explain history. "Maybe we should rethink our tendency to exalt one person as opposed to the movement," he

So why spend decades collecting one person's papers?
"I think you learn not only a lot about the individual hut about the individual's relationship to broader social issues," says Carson. "And you learn about other figures like Ralph Abernathy and Ella Baker and Andy Young. They are all major characters in the papers. But he's had his hands full with the main character. So

far, nothing has surprised Carson more than the discovery

of King's plagiarism. "I don't remember feeling really shocked. Saddened, I

guess, is a good word," he says. Carson and his staff ran across possible incidents of

plagiarism in 1988. They were studying King's doctoral thesis, "A Comparison of the Conceptions of God in the Thinking of Paul Tillich and Henry Nelson Wieman," written at Boston University.

"There are some passages that are pretty much word for word," says Carson, mainly from Tillich, the subject of the thesis. "Rather than paraphrase, he just kind of took it." Carson believes the plagiarism doesn't diminish in any way King's impact as a civil rights leader. "I already knew he was a complex man," he says with a chuckle. "If I had he was a complex man," he says with a chuckle. "If I had gone into the study believing that the reason I went into it was that he was an original thinker and a great scholar. [the plagiarism discovery] would have had a tremendous effect. We're not likely to find out that he was a minor

figure in the civil rights movement." What annoyed him most was having to spend so much time on the issue after reports of King's plagiarism filtered out into the press.

"I felt it was very disruptive for the project," Carson notes. "It was not good for morale. I think there is among the staff, among students and postdocs who work here, a certain idealism that energizes all of our work. We recognize that our joh is not to promote a particular image of King, but we do make the assumption that we're not doing this 14-volume work and spending part of our professional lives on it in order to damage the person's reputation. And it wasn't simply, 'O.K., we found it, now we can move on.' Once we found it, we had to spend an enormous amount of time documenting it."

And they had to keep looking for other examples. "I don't even know how to describe it," Carson says. "It was like everything that you read, you thought, 'Is this a potential source for King?' Every time you're reading a theological paper, you kind of are on the lookout for things that are similar in their viewpoints to King's." For Carson, finding the passages wasn't nearly as diffi-

cult as trying to understand why King had plagiarized. "I remember just being absolutely frustrated with trying find the answer to that," he says.

He searched the documents for clues -- had King been conscious of what he was doing? Did he feel guilt? "It was just a puzzle. I remember it was just kind of eating at me." be says. He was teaching at American University in Washington for a semester at that time and trying to write a piece for a scholarly journal on the whole issue. Brooding over his unanswered questions, he went for long walks the Bethesda neighborhood where be was living.
That was painful for him," remembers his wife, Susa

who is also the librarian on the project. "If we had a personal letter where [King] wrote something like he was having trouble with the dissertation or looking for shortcuts — but there really is nothing."

Even now, Carson prefers not to call it plagiarism.

"Taken as a whole, there's a range of activity going on that constitutes on the one end plagiarism and on the other end, maybe paraphrasing," he says. "So we felt that the best way of doing it was to say, 'Yes, he did plagiarize passages,' and to leave the judgments about which ones to somebody else. When the [second] volume comes out next year, then people will he able to look at it and make their

from rock's underground to the forefront with three awards, one for best alternative music album Bonnie Raitt, the big winner of 1990, also won three Grammys. Cole's "Unforgettable" won album of the year, and the duet on the title song was honored as best single and best traditional pop perfor-mance. The album also won Grammys for song of the year and for the arranger, producer and engineer. Special career awards went to Berbra Streisand and James Brown, the late jazz artist John Coltrane, the late bluesman Muddy Waters and the late rock guitarist Jimi Hendrix. The Grammys' all-time winner, Sir Georg Solfi, won his 29th for a recording of Bach's Bminor Mass. Awards were given in a total of 78 categories, including such specialties as Best Tropical Latin Album, Best Polka Album, Best Song Written Specifically for a Motion Picture or Television, and

PEOPLE

Is Big Grammy Winner Natable Cole's tribute to her late

father. Nat King Cole — including a spliced-together duct with him on

his signature song - yielded an "Unforgettable" evening for the

singer, winning seven Grammy awards. The 34th annual awards

also marked R.E.M.'s long climb

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Natalie Cole Record

A harmonious end is in sight in the opera-stat was sparked by the tenor José Carreras's exclusion of a fellow Spaniard and tenor, Affredo Kraus, from the opening concert of the summer Olympic Games. José Manuel Trujillo, Kraus's spokes-man, said the Barcelona Olympic Committee had invited Kraus to participate in the lip-synched concert that will open the Barcelona games on July 25. "He will almost certainly accept the invitation, because there's a desire on Krans's part to sing with his friends," Trujillo said. The row began last month after Kraus was left out of the lineup selected by Carreras.

Rest Album Notes.

La Toya Jackson has begun rehearsals for a one-year stint at Par-is's celebrated Moulin Rouge night club, Michael Jackson's 36-yearold sister said she had started to learn French in preparation for her March 5 debut singing, dancing and emceeing the revue. Jackson's predecessors as star attraction of the Moulin Rouge include Jose-phine Baker and Mistinguett.

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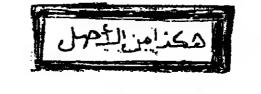
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